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Announcing this today, the Director of Public Works, the Hon. T. L. Bowring said: "the Colony's water storage position is rapidly becoming very serious as a direct result of the exceptionally low rainfall since the effective end of the wet season early last September.

"During this period of nearly eight months the rainfall has been only 14.69 inches against an average of 26.53 inches.

"In spite of this and of the fact that consumption has consistently been above the estimated figure, the amount of water in storage on April 1 was about 140 million gallons higher than we had estimated.

"Since this date however, the position has deteriorated rapidly. There has been practically no rainfall this month and consumption has gone up steadily with the coming of hotter weather. The amount of water in storage this morning was only 1,287 million gallons.

RESERVE ESSENTIAL

"If the present trend continues and no rain is received in the meanwhile, the storage will be reduced to approximately 1,000 million gallons by May 1. This storage is only two thirds of the reserve which we require for safety in case rains are still further delayed.

"Unless therefore substantial rain is received before May 1, I consider it necessary, if the Colony's essential reserves are to be safeguarded, that the daily draw-off should be reduced to approximately 17 million gallons a day as from that date.

"This will, I think, be best achieved and will operate most fairly for all consumers by providing the somewhat longer period of supply of three hours on alternate days, the Island being supplied on one day and the Mainland the next.

"These measures, although somewhat drastic, are much preferable to our ultimate alternative the introduction of an emergency scheme entailing the cutting off of all supplies direct to the premises of consumers and the substitution of a system of drawing water from street stand pipes only. This would operate very harshly on certain sections of the community, notably the aged and the infirm.

DETAILS LATER

"I can assure the public that these drastic restrictions will not be imposed a day longer than is absolutely necessary. They will certainly be relaxed as soon as there is any appreciable rainfall.

"Meanwhile I am giving a week's warning so that everyone can make preparations for adjusting their water-using routine to the curtailed hours of supply.

"The Water Authority will give notice later this week about supply days and hours on both the Island and the Mainland".

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The New NATO

MR Foster Dulles' suggestion that NATO should begin to manifest its purpose beyond the limits of a military alliance is not a new one. It was advocated by Lord Ismay as secretary-general of the Organisation 18 months ago, but met with no response then. Last December the North Atlantic Council devoted some attention to the idea, but reached no decisions. The purpose of Mr Dulles' speech seems to be to prompt the ministerial meeting in Paris next week into some definite action.

It is a pity the Secretary of State did not elaborate his theme. There has been vague talk of giving substance to Article 2 of the NATO treaty which provides for close economic and political co-operation between its members, but no blueprint has yet been produced.

In this respect Mr Dulles has clearly passed the ball, permitting himself only a tentative suggestion that there should be closer integration of some of the Western European countries and their associations such as the Coal and Steel Community, the Western European Union and the projected "Euratom" scheme for the development of atomic energy for peace purposes.

ALL this merely constitutes the germ of an idea. A practical formula is still required and to date no attempt has been made by the members of NATO to prepare one. Moreover, no matter how solid be NATO as a military alliance (also open to some doubt and misgivings) it is undeniable that its members suffer differing economic and political problems, while conceptions of dealing with them also vary considerably.

Closer integration of the NATO countries in the fields of economics and politics is highly desirable, but its accomplishment is likely to prove a tougher task than NATO's creation of a defensive military machine.

The council of ministers has been presented with a challenge by Mr Foster Dulles. It is a challenge which has long existed but hitherto conveniently ignored. The Western world waits with keen interest to see whether the council is prepared to make an attempt to give substance to the conception of a revitalised NATO along the lines of economic and political integration.

Water Situation

IT has become all too apparent during recent weeks that the Colony has been consuming more water than it can afford. There has been a steady increase in daily consumption (29 million gallons last week) and a corresponding diminishing of intake from the streams. In short, the water situation has steadily deteriorated and must now be regarded as acute.

Based on current daily consumption, the reservoirs now contain enough supplies to last about 40 days, and in view of the uncertainty of substantial rainfall in the immediate future, this is not a sufficient margin.

Today, Government warns of a possible drastic curtailment of supplies—from the existing three hours a day to three hours every other day. It is a most disagreeable prospect, yet Government cannot run the risk of another 1929, when water had to be imported and doled out by the bucket.

One would like to see a voluntary reduction in daily water consumption by the public, but that seemingly is expecting too much. Government's action will probably cause some consternation, but it is a proper one to take if there should be no early replenishment of the reservoirs.

US Courts Ban Segregated Buses

Washington, Apr. 23.

The United States Supreme Court today outlawed the last vestige of racial segregation in public transport in the United States.

In a unanimous decision, it struck down laws in 13 Southern States requiring segregation of white and negro passengers on local buses and buses travelling wholly within a state.

Ten years ago the Court banned segregation on buses travelling from one state to another.

Today's decision was as far reaching as its one in 1954 outlawing segregation in public schools.

THE END

The Court took the action by refusing to review an earlier circuit court decision, handed down in Richmond, Virginia last year, holding that segregation on interstate buses was unconstitutional.

The latest decision followed a prohibition by the interstate commerce commission last November on segregation of races in station waiting rooms used by interstate travellers and on interstate trains and buses.

Today's decision marked the virtual end of the "separate but equal" doctrine in the transport field. It affected the Southern States mostly where such practices had been in force.

Federal Courts have also put an end to segregation of the races in free schools and public parks.—Reuter.

CURFEW FOLLOWS RIOTING

Nicosia, Apr. 23.

Nicosia was put under curfew tonight after Turkish and Greek Cypriots had battled in the streets following the shooting dead of two young Turks.

A big fire raged near the Turkish quarter of the old walled city.

Steel-helmeted British troops with Sten guns manned barricades between the Turkish and Greek sectors after breaking up battles which flared when a 22-year-old Turkish Police Constable was shot near his home in the Turkish quarter.

Turkish women captured two men after the incident and turned them over to police.

A young Turk was shot dead when he chased a gunman entering a cigarette factory in the Turkish quarter.

Other Turks fell on the gunman and "nearly lynched him," according to eye-witness reports.—Reuter.

B & K IN LONDON

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev in London: These pictures show their arrival, their reception by some of the crowd, and B & K laying a wreath on the Cenotaph.

Another picture shows a group of Soviet sailors standing in front of the Karl Marx memorial in Highgate Cemetery, London.

B & K arrived to a refrain of cheers . . . and, as the picture above shows, protests. Mr K (left) looks happy enough but Marshal B (right) appears less at ease. Probably one of the posters upset him.—London Express Photos.

RUSSIANS CLAIM:

SPY TUNNEL FOUND IN E. BERLIN

Berlin, Apr. 23.

The Soviet authorities claimed today that a tunnel had been discovered entering East Germany from the United States sector of Berlin and built for the purpose of tapping Soviet military and East German telephone lines.

The claim was made at a hastily summoned Press conference at Karlshorst, Soviet headquarters in east Berlin.

Soviet troops yesterday had "eliminated an American Monitoring centre" located in the Soviet sector of Berlin, a Soviet spokesman said.

DETAILS GIVEN

The tunnel, alleged to have been discovered in the East Berlin suburb of Alt Glienicke, was about 330 yards long and had installations enabling connections with Soviet military telephone lines, the spokesman said.

The alleged monitoring centre had been equipped with nine amplifiers, one tape recorder and several measuring instruments, he added.

U.S. Officials declined to comment on the Soviet allegations before they had been studied.

Later Soviet Army officers took about 100 reporters on a conducted tour of a tunnel tonight to show them how Soviet telephone cables had allegedly been tapped.—Reuter

KHRUSHCHEV, GAITSKELL IN CLASH

London, Apr. 24.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev last night refused British Labour leaders' demands that he act to aid Social Democrats in prisons in Communist ruled states.

He emphatically turned down appeals by Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Labour Party leader, and other Socialist chiefs, at a dinner they gave in honour of himself and Marshal Bulganin at the House of Commons.

The clash with Labour leaders, it was learned authoritatively, came after an hour's speech by Mr Khrushchev in which he defended pre-war Soviet policy, bitterly assailed the British attitude at that time, and attacked the Labour leaders for their recent support of West German rearmament.

The dinner was attended by all the principal chiefs of the party — the members of the National Executive Committee and Labour's parliamentary "shadow" cabinet.

It began pleasantly with vodka and an English meal of turtle soup and duck.

But the atmosphere had changed minutes before midnight when the meat ended after three hours and a quarter.

Mr Khrushchev's firm determination not to assist imprisoned Social Democrats had been largely to blame.

It was learned that Mr Gaitskell raised the issue of the position of the Social Democrats in the Soviet area, stressing that thousands of imprisoned men and women were comrades of the British Socialist Party.

He also put in a plea on behalf of Jewish minorities who might be suffering in the Soviet Union.

But Mr Khrushchev reportedly retorted that he refused to do anything on these questions.

There were no Social Democrats in the Soviet Union, he declared. It was not his business to do anything about those in other Communist countries, he added.

THE HITLER PACT

Mr Aneurin Bevan, Labour's leading left-winger and Mr Sam Watson, one of the most powerful Trade Union leaders in the party, jumped to their feet to back Mr Gaitskell's plea for the Social Democrats.

But Mr Khrushchev—reportedly with some heat—also turned down their intercessions.

Labour leaders offered to supply a list of Social Democrats imprisoned in Eastern Europe, but Mr Khrushchev refused to receive it.

Mr Khrushchev is reported to have said that Mr Gaitskell's reference to anti-Semitism in Russia was "all nonsense."

Marshal Bulganin who spoke first, sat silently throughout Mr Khrushchev's speech and, during his colleague's sharp clashes of view with the Labour leaders.

In his attack on British pre-war policy, Mr Khrushchev is stated to have particularly assailed the attitude of Mr Neville Chamberlain's Conservative Government.

Mr Khrushchev, it is said, repeated statements reported to have been made by him in India which seemed to imply that the British and French pre-war Governments encouraged Hitler to attack Russia and go East.

Because of this, Mr Khrushchev said, Russia made her pact with Nazi Germany.

On disarmament, he was reported to have belittled Western proposals for control—which has always been a stumbling block in the post-war East-West search for agreement on an arms cut.

He threw cold water on the United States scheme for mutual areas of inspection, saying Russia was only prepared to have control by people being stationed at strategic points.

Mr Khrushchev at one point is reported to have expressed his belief that everybody wanted peace, the Americans as well as the British.

He also expressed a hope for closer relations with Western Socialist parties, but made no specific proposals aimed at this.

Marshal Bulganin made what was described as "witty and friendly" speech—but no details of it were available.

During the evening he was reported to have extended an invitation to Mr Gaitskell and Mr Alfred Robens, the Labour Party's chief foreign affairs spokesman, to visit Russia.—Reuter.

Reds Planned Tengku's Overthrow

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 23.

A captured Communist document, issued officially today, confirmed that the Malayan Communist Party's aim was the overthrow of the present Malayan Government.

The document, a private letter from the Editor of a jungle newspaper to a high ranking terrorist, was recently captured.

WHAT THE LETTER SAID

The writer, sending his letter just after the Baling "Peace" talks with the Communists last December, said:

"Undoubtedly our tactics are to join with the Tengku in a common effort to get rid of the colonial rule of the British imperialists.

"If there is a statement of peace we can then immediately win over more support of the broad masses of the people and go a step further by overthrowing the Tengku's bourgeois dictatorship and changing it into a joint dictatorship of all races and strata."—Reuter.

THEY BUTCHERED HIS CURLY HAIR

MPs Will Hear About Cost Of Demob

London, Apr. 23.

What's left of the curly brown hair of William Arthur Smith is to be discussed in the House of Commons.

Smith is a 25-year-old former Army private. A few weeks ago, he was due to be discharged, with only five minutes to go, he went to the welfare officer for the final signature on his discharge papers. This, Smith said, is what happened next:

"The welfare officer told me: I'm signing nothing for you until you get your hair cut, and cut short.

"He sent me to my platoon sergeant, but when I could not find him I asked regimental police corporal Larry Perks to cut my hair. He borrowed a pair of clippers and sheared the hair off the back and sides of my head right down to the skin."

Said Smith's 23-year-old wife, Miry, "I nearly cried when I saw what they had done to his lovely, brown, curly hair... his hair was the first thing that attracted me when I met him in 1948."

Said Bessie Braddock, Socialist M.P. for Liverpool: "I will ask the Secretary of State if he is aware that private Smith, with an excellent army record, had been refused a final signature on his demobilisation papers until he had his hair cut."

And, she said, "I will demand an immediate statement and an inquiry."—United Press.

Syria Given Peace Plan

Damascus, Apr. 23.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, today put his Palestine peace proposals to Syria's leaders, who promised to reply tomorrow.

He is believed to have urged a reduction of forces on both sides of the Armistice lines between Syria and Israel, strengthening of the Truce Supervision Organisation and full freedom of movement for observers.—Reuter.

Big Bombardment

Taipei, Apr. 23.

Chinese Communist guns opposite Nationalist-held Quemoy island today unleashed the heaviest bombardment for some time. The guns fired 340 rounds at the island, killing two civilians and wounding three others. Nine houses were destroyed.—France-Presse.

H-BOMB TEST BAN REFUSED

London, Apr. 23.

Mr Anthony Nutting, British Delegate to the United Nations Disarmament sub-Committee today rejected a Soviet proposal that H-bomb tests should be halted.

He contended that any limitation of tests should be part of a whole disarmament programme.

Mr Harold Stassen, of the United States, said tests were an essential part of any arms programme so long as there was no disarmament agreement in existence.

Scientific information showed that outside the immediate test area there was no danger to human life and there could be no danger unless the present tests were increased a thousandfold, he added.—Reuter.

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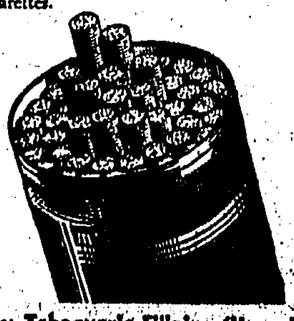
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GO-SLOW TACTICS PROPOSED IN MALAYA

Rubber Workers Demand New Wage Structure

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 23.

Prospects this evening of the National Union of Plantation Workers deciding in favour of a further round of negotiations seemed slight as union leaders received reports from branches throughout the Federation on the go-slow proposal.

Union leaders emphasised that pressure was coming from districts and estate branches whose members urgently demand something more in their pockets following increases given this month to Government workers, who negotiated a new wage rate.

Estate workers have always considered that they should get more pay than road labourers but now this differential has largely disappeared. But there is some prospect that at tomorrow night's executive council meeting of the union which will take a decision on go-slow, that calmer counsels will prevail.

Still Willing

The Malayan Planting Industries Employers Association announced today that the door was still open for negotiations and said they were still willing to talk to the union.

At the weekend the association offered to adjust the wage of field workers within the old agreement, which is pegged to the varying price of rubber, but this was rejected.

The union is asking for a basic wage, plus allowances, instead of the present wage structure, which varies with changes in the price of rubber.

Additionally, they want the actual wages taken home by estates workers to be increased by between $5.50 and $6 from the present rates, which are slightly under $3.

Position Doubtful

If the go-slow comes off, this will be the first direct union action by rubber unions for eight years and dealers and producers here are unable to estimate what the effect will be.

The union claims over 100,000 members out of 250,000 workers, but the position of non-union members is doubtful and also those workers on estates which pay above the Employers Association's directive.

The union believes that non-members will follow go-slow tactics but many estate managers believe they can convince workers by personal intervention to ignore the union's demands.

Exaggerated Care

The possibility of intimation is, however, considerable. It has not yet been decided how go-slow will work, but it is believed it will take the form of exaggerated care in emptying latex cups, leaving them clean according to estate instructions and that on those estates where go-slow operates production may be halved.—Reuter.

New Radar Unit Inaugurated

A radar scanning unit was inaugurated at Dwingelo, Holland, recently by Queen Juliana. Picture shows the Queen with Professor J. H. Oort after the ceremony.—Express Photo.

Alpine Troops Clash With Rebels

Algiers, Apr. 23.

Altogether 17 rebels were killed yesterday when two French Alpine companies and a large rebel band clashed at an altitude of almost 5,000 feet in Algeria's Kabylie mountains, it was learned here today.

An advance group of the 27th French Alpine Division surprised the rebel band last Sunday morning. Seven of the rebels were killed, while the others fled into the heights of the mountains.

In Contact

Contact was maintained with the band as reinforcements were rushed up. During a day-long fight with the rebels who had sought refuge in a rocky depression, the Alpine troops brought heavy machine guns, mortars and bazookas into action.

By nightfall, 17 rebel dead had been counted. Eight wounded rebels were captured as well as seven others who attempted to flee.

The troops remained in contact with the remnants of the band which has been virtually encircled.—France-Presse.

2,000 Ambulance Men For Olympics

Melbourne, Apr. 23.

Two thousand members of Melbourne's St John Ambulance Brigade are being marshalled into a giant first aid team for the Olympic Games here in November and December.

Under alert, grey-haired Colonel Alexander Christie, former assistant Director-General of Australian Army Medical Services, they will be on the sideline at every event to treat injuries, cases of collapse and fainting.

They will work in shifts in their biggest test since the visit of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in 1954 when they treated 2,500 patients.

Working on averages, they expect to handle 140 casualties at the opening of the Olympics at Melbourne Cricket Ground on November 22.—China Mail Special.

BIDAULT IN BOX

Paris, Apr. 23.

Former French Foreign Minister M. Georges Bidault said today that during the Indo-China War, he had suspected that confidential Government information was being "leaked" to unauthorised persons.

M. Bidault, appearing as a witness before the court investigating the leaks of French defence secrets, said that "indiscretions" regarding Government deliberations on the subject of Laos had been "incontestably grave."

M. Bidault praised the character and work of one of the defendants of the case, M. Jean Mons, former high official of the National Defence Ministry.—France-Presse.

Trains Fitted With Sirens

Melbourne, Apr. 23.

After many months of research and experiment the Victorian Railways Commissioners have installed electrically motivated triple-throated sirens on suburban trains in a campaign to reduce the number of level-crossing accidents.

There was opposition from sections of the Press and public when the challenging "bleep" was added to city noises.

Within a week of their installation two of the sirens had been removed from trains by "gadget" collectors.—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN TO DISCUSS BAHREIN

London, Apr. 23.

Britain and Saudi Arabia are expected to reach agreement shortly to open discussions on their current differences including the Bahrein problem, informed sources said today.

Preliminary contacts are under way to pave the way for full dress discussions, the sources said.

No final agreement so far has been reached, but the sources said that talks probably would open shortly.

British officials insist that these discussions will not be limited to the Bahrein dispute. They will deal with all outstanding matters between the two countries of which Bahrein is considered only one though the most important since issue.

Officials also made it clear that Britain's attitude on Bahrein remains unchanged.

Meanwhile informed sources dismissed suggestions that differences over the place of the projected meeting was responsible for a last-minute hitch in the preliminary talks.—United Press.

Russian Tourists For Australia

Melbourne, Mar. 23.

The "most comfortable" and at the same time "most reasonable" means of transport over most of Australia is being sought for parties of Russian tourists.

Apart from visiting Melbourne for the Olympic Games at the end of the year, the tourists want to see New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania.

The Soviet Government Tourist Organisation, Intourist, has asked Orbit Travel Services Pty Ltd, Sydney, to organise a four-week tour to cost around £A1,000 (£800 sterling) for each person.

Two parties were mentioned in the official letter but the number in each was not stated.—China Mail Special.

London, Apr. 23.

The Five Power United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee met today for the first time since Soviet leaders arrived in Britain last Wednesday.

The closed doors meeting lasted two hours and 30 minutes under the chairmanship of British Minister of State Mr Anthony Nutting. Another meeting was scheduled for Thursday.—France-Presse.

Servicemen Released

Lauenberg, Apr. 23.

The German authorities in the Soviet zone of Germany today released a British lieutenant and seven of his men who drove into East Germany in error in military vehicles yesterday and were arrested.

The British group drove back across the demarcation line in a jeep and a military truck to which a light field gun was attached.

The troops immediately made for Luneberg, their garrison town.—France-Presse.

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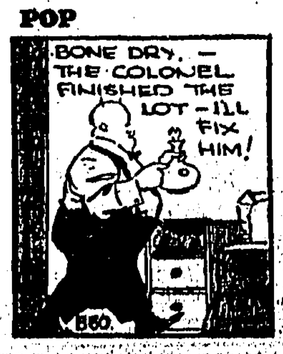

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SELWYN LLOYD WELCOMES U.S. TO BAGHDAD ALLIANCE

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London, Apr. 23.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, said today the United States accession to the Economic Committee of the Baghdad Pact "demonstrates in a practical and striking manner United States support for the Pact."

He told the House of Commons the Pact "threatens no one and is designed simply to give stability to this area of the world."

Mr Lloyd, who was answering a question, said the United States was a member of the Economic Committee and of the Counter-Subversion Committee. She had also offered to establish a military liaison group at the permanent headquarters of the Pact and undertaken to contribute both money and men to the international secretariat.

In Addition

This was in addition to the economic, technical and military assistance which the United States was already giving to members of the Pact.

"All this has been warmly welcomed by the British Government and by other members of the Baghdad Pact," he added.

Sir Walter Monckton, Britain's Minister of Defence, arrived here by air tonight from Teheran where he led the British delegation to Baghdad Pact meetings.

Whole Purpose

He told reporters "I think the most important item was the United States coming in both on the economic side and on the counter-subversion side.

Sir Walter said that the meeting felt that the whole purpose of the Pact was to prevent the advance of communism into Baghdad Pact countries, and that the first thing they had to do was to meet it on that front. —Reuter.

University Riots Trial In Madrid

Madrid, Apr. 23.

Manuel Torres Lopez, first defence witness in the trial of four men accused of distributing propaganda against the Spanish authorities following the Madrid University riots in February, said in Madrid today that the riot was not started by students.

Lopez, former Dean of the Law Faculty at the University, who was relieved of his post following the February 9 incident, said the trouble started when groups of non-students entered the university, armed with pistols and batons, to intimidate the students.

Some 300 people attended the opening of the trial today, which lasted one and a half hours.

The main accused is Vicente Gilbao, a Foreign Office official, who faces charges of editing pamphlets criticising the present Minister of the Interior, Blas Perez Gonzales.—France-Presse.

Common Name For All

Port Moresby, Apr. 23.

In a controversy over a common name for all indigines of the island of New Guinea, the Administrator, Mr D. M. Cleland said that many of the natives had never heard the terms New Guinea and Papua.

The three main political divisions of the mainland are known as Dutch New Guinea, North East New Guinea and Papua.

M. Cleland favoured calling all natives Papuans and said that strong opposition to the term sprang only from Europeans, some of whom, in their desire for an independent name, wanted the term "New Guineans" used to describe natives in the New Guinea section.

NO OPPOSITION

As the terms Papua or New Guinea were not known to many of the natives, there was no majority opposition by them to a common name.

Dutch New Guinea people were called Papuans, Mr Cleland added and there were no reasons why New Guinea should stand out alone for a separate name.—China Mail Special.

3 PRIESTS EXPELLED

Algiers, Apr. 23.

Three French worker priests have been expelled from the Bone and Constantine Departments by prefectoral decrees, it was learned here today.

The three priests were identified as Abbe Angros, Mame and Kerlarot.—France-Presse.

Danes Favour Cremation

Copenhagen, Apr. 23.

The Danish Cremation Society, which with 200,000 members is the largest of its type in the world, has celebrated its 75th anniversary.

When the Society established its first crematorium here in 1886, the first body burned was smuggled in from Sweden and led the Danish courts to pronounce cremation as illegal. Cremation was not made legal until 1892, and in 1893 only six cremations took place.

Today cremation is more popular in many parts of Denmark than burial. In Copenhagen, for example, 60.9 per cent of all burials are by cremation.—China Mail Special.

New German Party Formed

Bonn, Apr. 23.

The 16 former Free Democrats who broke with their party last February in order to remain in Dr Konrad Adenauer's coalition announced today they would form a new party, the Freie Volksparte.

The group, which includes Vice-Chancellor Franz Blucecher and three other ministers, said they would issue a public manifesto very shortly.

They said they had kept the door open for reconciliation with the Free Democratic party, which has now left the coalition, until that party's annual congress last weekend.

SUPPORTS COALITION

The new party would support Dr Adenauer's coalition on most points of policy, including foreign policy and conscription.

Their principles differed from those of Dr Adenauer's Christian Democratic union in that "for us the individual is the centre of all political considerations."

The party leaders said they hope to advance their organisation sufficiently to be able to compete for the 1957 federal elections all through the country. —China Mail Special.

NATO Should Be Also Political

Bonn, Apr. 23.

The West German Government fully favours Mr Dulles' statement today that NATO should be something more than a military alliance, according to authoritative sources here.

Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, is expected to make specific proposals on this at the forthcoming NATO ministerial meeting in Paris.

The sources said he feels that the NATO allies should have a means of co-ordinating politically.

But he will not necessarily propose additional agreements between the NATO partners, the sources added.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, is known to agree that activation of NATO is necessary.—Reuter.

Queen Takes Trials Film

Queen Elizabeth—who with other members of the Royal Family has been attending horse trials last week at Badminton—is pictured using a cine-camera to photograph the jumping of her horse Countyman III. With her in picture are Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.—Express Photo.

600 GOANS ARRESTED

New Delhi, Apr. 23.

Deputy Foreign Minister A. K. Chanda said today 600 Goans have been apprehended so far this year for illegal entry into India.

He told Parliament various security and anti-smuggling measures now in force along the Indian-Goan border should be adequate, however, to prevent large-scale migration from the Portuguese territory.—United Press.

Commonwealth War Memorial At Cassino

London, Apr. 23.

Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis will unveil a Commonwealth memorial in the Cassino war cemetery between Rome and Naples on Sunday, September 30, the Imperial War Graves Commission announced here today.

The memorial, built by the commission, commemorates men of the Commonwealth armies who fell in the Italian and Sicilian campaigns during the last war and who have no known graves.

The memorial lies in an amphitheatre of hills with fine views of the Benedictine Monastery and town of Cassino.

It consists of a formal garden with an ornamental pool in the centre, from both sides of which rise marble pillars on which more than 4,000 names are recorded.

Four thousand two hundred and eighty-six Commonwealth servicemen are commemorated by individual headstones in the Cassino cemetery.—China Mail Special.

BEHIND THE TIMES

Capetown, Apr. 23.

Mr R. A. F. Swart, United Party Member of Parliament for Zululand, was taken aback recently when he went to his post box in the lobby to collect his mail and found a letter addressed to Mr R. A. T. Swart, MLA, (Member of the Legislative Assembly).

The substitution of "T" for "F" in the initials was bad enough, but Mr Swart was intrigued to find that a quarter-century after the style "MLA" had been dropped somebody did not know that "MP" had been substituted.

The sender of the letter was an official of the Natal Provincial Administration. — China Mail Special.

Franco-Moroccan Cultural Talks Open Today

Paris, Apr. 23.

Representatives of France and an independent Morocco meet here tomorrow to forge the bands of "interdependence" between the two countries in the cultural field.

The session, first scheduled today, was postponed until tomorrow. Four possibilities face the negotiators:

- 1. Complete merging of French and Moroccan education in Morocco without special provisions for the French pupils.
- 2. Setting up a distinction between Moroccan education and French which would grant autonomy to the latter.
- 3. Establishment, under the authority of the Moroccan government, of a Moroccan branch of education and a separate French branch.
- 4. Setting up a completely independent French education system which would have, under its authority, all French schools and universities in Morocco.

Other Problems

Two other problems face the negotiators: insufficient schools and recruiting of qualified Moroccan instructors.

In Morocco itself the new government was still facing the problems of political unrest.

A Moroccan believed to be a member of the Nationalist Istiqlal Party was killed near Bab Guissa, 93 miles east of Rabat. And at Port Lyautey, north on the coast 25 miles from Rabat, a Moroccan police inspector was wounded by two of his countrymen who fired at him from a moving car.

Outside of Meknes, 75 miles east of Rabat, a truck driver was critically wounded last night when he was assaulted by two Moroccans.

'Leaks' Trial

The French High Commissioner, M. Andre Dubois, landed at Casablanca this afternoon aboard a plane from Paris. He had been in the French capital to testify in France's sensational trial of four Frenchmen accused of being responsible for the "leaking" of their country's top secrets during the waning days of the Indo-Chinese war.—United Press.

Buenos Aires, Apr. 23.

Thirteen new cases of polio were reported in Argentina during the 24 hours ending at noon Sunday. No deaths were reported in that period.—United Press.

Pakistani Protest To Afghanistan

Karachi, Apr. 23.

Pakistan will protest to Afghanistan against an attack on a Pakistani patrol in the frontier tribal belt last Thursday, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced here today.

The spokesman said that the protest would be lodged with Afghanistan as soon as more details on the incident reach Karachi.

About 150 Kharoti tribesmen from Afghanistan under the command of Colonel Niamat, an Afghan levy commander, took part in the attack.

SEVEN KILLED

They ambushed a Pakistani routine patrol of Zhob Militia near Fort Sandeman. Two officers and five men were killed and six others were wounded in the attack.

One of the wounded died later in the hospital.

The attackers reportedly fled into Afghanistan. High-ranking Pakistani officers have been sent from Karachi to Fort Sandeman to investigate the incident. — France-Presse.

BISHOPS' APPEAL

Nicosia, Apr. 23.

Two Cypriot bishops today sent a joint telegram to the Archbishop of Canterbury asking him to use his influence to prevent the execution of Michael Karaolis, under death sentence in Nicosia for the killing of a British policeman.

Bishop Anthimos of Kition and Bishop Yennadios of Salamis asked for Dr Fisher's intervention "in the interests of the pacification of the Cyprus situation."—France-Presse.

Burmese Premier Attacks Reds

ELECTION BROADCAST

Rangoon, Apr. 23.

Burmese Premier U Nu today launched a bitter attack against communism and reiterated the determination of his government to keep away from either of the two big blocs dividing the world.

In an election speech broadcast over the Rangoon radio, U Nu appealed to the electorate to vote for the "Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League" now in power.

While not referring to the Communists by name, U Nu warned the voters that rebels in Burma were bent on establishing a dictatorship in the country.

Insurrection

He said that "when these stooges and pawns gain political power, the outside hands pull the strings. While these stooges and pawns are denied political power, the outside hands pull the strings. While these stooges and pawns are denied political power, their distant masters just incite them to unrest and insurrection."

Pointing to Korea and Vietnam, U Nu said that when one power-bloc exercised some influence over any country, the other bloc used both peaceful and forceful means to eliminate that influence.

U Nu said, "Both Korea and Vietnam are divided into halves, each one under the influence of a rival bloc."

He warned that "if you want to see Burma follow the footsteps of Korea and Vietnam," vote for the (Communist) "opportunists."

Into Rebel Hands

After reviewing the progress made by his government against the Communist rebels led by Thakin Than Tun during the last eight years, U Nu said that "they are now on the run."

He said that the recent Communist bid for negotiations was motivated by their desire for a badly-needed breathing spell.

He added that to accept such an offer would mean that the Government was playing into the hands of the rebels.—France-Presse.

TOO MANY BOOKS IN LIBRARY

Rome, Apr. 23.

Rome's Central Library is so crowded that even a paperback volume can no longer be squeezed onto its shelves—but between 6,000 and 7,000 books continue to flow to the library every month.

Library officials reported this embarrassing situation when urging the City authorities to hasten plans to build a new Central Public Library in Rome.

The books which cannot find a place in the 400-year-old building which has served as the Central Library for the past 75 years are being stored in the damp cellars of a neighbouring building, the officials declared.—China Mail Special.

Arab Leaders To Visit Spain

Madrid, Apr. 23.

Spain, anxious to capitalise the goodwill it won in the Middle East by granting independence to Spanish Morocco, will receive visits from the leaders of four Arab States during the next six months, it was learned here today.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, King Feisal of Iraq, King Saud of Saudi Arabia and President Camille Chamoun of Lebanon, are all scheduled to pay state visits to Spain in 1956.

Spain has for many years sought to establish good relations with the Arab nations. In signing the independence of Morocco it increased its standing with the Arabs.

Spanish officials hoped that the goodwill visits by the Arab leaders would cement the friendship, and enable Spain to play a leading role in helping to bring peace to the troubled area.—United Press.

GERMANY BYPASSING HONGKONG

Bonn, Apr. 23.

West German economic circles today showed a keen interest in the conclusion of a trade agreement between mainland China and the Federal German Republic, which the Chinese Government has suggested to the West German Committee for Trade with the East.

These sources pointed out that the conclusion of such an agreement could be negotiated in eight weeks without it being necessary to amend or suppress existing embargo measures on the export of strategic products to Communist countries.

THIRD PARTY

The envisaged trade could be carried out, thanks to a list of goods required by both countries and settlement could be made by a bilateral banking agreement.

The West German economic sources pointed out that direct trade between Western Germany and the mainland China would have the advantage of bringing to an end the considerable trade which Western Germany has at present with China through the intermediary of third countries and particularly through the medium of Hongkong.—France-Presse.

More Wars If Fishing Stopped

Grahamstown, Apr. 23.

If fishing came to an end there would be far more wars in the world because man is a primitive animal who wants to kill, according to Professor J.L.B. Smith, head of ichthyology at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

With hunting dying out, people were turning more and more to angling and underwater hunting.

"Unless you kill you are likely to suffer from repressions. Unless a young person can kill and see the blood of something he has killed, he is not normal," said Professor Smith. — China Mail Special.

Three Cars Stolen Every Hour

Tokyo, Apr. 23.

The Metropolitan Police Department organised a "catch the thief campaign" in April.

Police say that thefts are on the increase. Last year was a postwar record, showing an increase of 35 per cent compared with 1954.

Car thefts led with 23,985 cases. This means that three cars were stolen every hour. Shoplifting, dwelling house, factory and bath house robberies accounted for another 22,215 cases out of a total of 104,295.—China Mail Special.

Rebels Wreck Railways

Djakarta, Aph. 23.

Rebel activities in North Sumatra have cost the Indonesian State Railway Service 60,000,000 rupiahs (about £2,000,000 sterling).

A senior railways official, Mr P. Nasrane, said that apart from their "routine activities" of breaking up tracks and snapping telephone lines, the rebels had blown up seven engines with bombs.

They had burned down 33 per cent of the major railway stations in Aceh and almost all the small stations.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Find an equal to (5).
4 Injured (6).
8 Run off (6).
10 Extent (5).
12 Stop (6).
14 Afternoon performance (7).
17 Attitude (4).
19 Guided (7).
20 Runs away without paying (7).
22 Revise (4).
23 Annoys (7).
27 Divine Beverage (6).
29 Bird (5).
30 Offer (6).
31 Pulled (6).
32 Stupid (5).

DOWN

1 Feminine title (5).
2 Implied (5).
3 Pertaining to mankind (5).
5 Land Measure (4).
6 Counsellor (6).
7 Considered (6).
9 Gift (7).
11 Appearance (6).
13 Withdraw (7).
15 Imitated (4).
16 Part of the foot (6).
18 Withered (4).
20 Animal (6).
21 Inside covering (6).
24 Tendency (5).
25 Burdened (5).
26 Jollification (5).
28 Yield (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Opponent, 8 Ears, 9 Detected, 11 Radiator, 13 Ales, 15 Prohibit, 18 Decorate, 19 Less, 21 Rallying, 25 Confines, 26 Mess, 27 Discerns. Down: 1 Heir, 2 Arid, 4 Poet, 5 Over, 6 Extol, 7 Tides, 9 David, 10 Tonic, 12 Agree, 14 Talon, 16 Began, 17 Toils, 19 Lucid, 20 Sings, 21 Rife, 22 Loan, 23 Idea, 24 Dusk.

Artur London Appears In Public

Prague, Apr. 23.

ARTUR London, former Czech Deputy Foreign Minister, sentenced to life imprisonment at the Slansky trials in 1952, made his first public appearance as a freeman on Saturday, it was learned in Prague today.

London was waiting at Prague airport on Saturday to welcome a delegation of French writers, who arrived to take part in the Czech Writers' Congress.

The Czech authorities have not yet officially announced that London had been released from prison. But his friends told newsmen that London was ill and was living outside Prague.

On Saturday, London and his French-born wife welcomed the French writers. His wife, who has lived in France since her husband was imprisoned, returned to Prague recently.

London is one of three survivors of the Slansky trials. On December 3, 1952, 11 purged Communist leaders, including Rudolf Slansky and Vladimir Clementis, were hanged on charges of espionage and treason.—France-Presse.

VOLTE-FACE IN CEYLON . . . By HAROLD JAMES

Bandaranaike's Bark Worse Than His Bite

London.

IMMEDIATE reaction among British politicians to the result of Ceylon's general election was one of anxiety. Ceylon, it was said, was set on leaving the Commonwealth: a new government of the extreme Left, led by ex-Oxonian Mr Bandaranaike, would oust foreign capital in the plantations; nationalise the banks and insurance companies, with inadequate compensation if, indeed, with any at all; and tear up the agreements whereby Britain uses the naval base at Trincomalee and keeps an R.A.F. unit in the island.

The complete rout of Sir John Kotelawala and his United National Party was unexpected, although it was certain that, if for no other reason than the swing of the pendulum, he would lose a number of seats.

From a post-election statement it seems that Mr Bandaranaike's bark is worse than his bite. His party is pledged to turn Ceylon into a republic, but he said it would not necessarily subordinate everything else to the achievement of the republican aim while, as to withdrawal from the Commonwealth, he would take "no precipitate action."

No Blood Ties

What this means, in effect, is that Ceylon is likely to follow the example of India and Pakistan by remaining within the Commonwealth as a republic, that the Queen—proclaimed not so long ago by the people of Colombo as "Queen of Ceylon" will to them become "Head of the Commonwealth." Another effect will be that Ceylon will renounce the honours and titles which have been so much sought after by Ceylonese politicians in the past.

To British politicians, these changes may seem all rather unnecessary and, on sentimental ground, regrettable. But the plain fact is that the Asian members of the Commonwealth are not linked to the mother country by ties of blood, religion, custom or tradition as are Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Moreover, their experience of 'colonialism' makes them all the keener to emphasise their independence.

In other words, it is only by frequent assertions of equality that they can get rid of a feeling of inferiority. The same symptoms can be discerned in Malaya and Singapore which, in the end, are likely to take the same road.

It would be a pity if Ceylon were to leave the Commonwealth since she can, as Mr Bandaranaike has said, serve as a bridge between East and West. She has already served as a meeting place for the countries of the Commonwealth and will, of course always be associated in our minds with the Colombo Plan.

Lessons Of Life

It will be equally regrettable, from Ceylon's point of view, if she decides to 'go it alone'. From her association with the Commonwealth she derives an importance which she would lose if she renounced it. However, she is more secure against Indian domination a nightmare to many Ceylonese if she remains a partner of equal standing in the Commonwealth than she would be as a unit on her own.

It is a good thing that a meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers is to be held this summer. Here Mr Bandaranaike can learn that all relations of the Commonwealth are, indeed, equal, and that the voice of Ceylon will be listened to with as much respect as any other.

As to naval and air bases, it will be unfortunate if the undertakings given by previous governments in Ceylon are repudiated. The possibility is that they may strengthen British influence in retaining control of Cyprus, where Archbishop Makarios and the Greeks considered that Britain's obligation to NATO could be met by the lease of bases. But Sir Anthony Eden pointed out that governments change and that what the Greek government of the day elected might be withdrawn by a Communist government at some later date.

If Trincomalee is abandoned, Singapore importance will increase a fact of which note is likely to be taken in the discussions going on now between Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd and Mr David Marshall, the Colony's Chief Minister.

It might also mean the development of Kilindini on the East African coast, as a base for our naval forces in the Indian Ocean.

Nationalisation of industry is, no doubt, inevitable under a government avowedly Socialist and spurred on by economic nationalism.

If fair compensation is paid to plantation and commercial interests which are taken over, no great harm will be done—except to the interests themselves, which are likely to be far less profitable under State ownership than they are now under private enterprise.

But even if compensation is paid on the fairest terms, nationalisation of industry, I feel, will do no good to Ceylon. Socialism can do many things, but it cannot compel outside capital to invest in a country ruled by Socialists. And the inevitable result of nationalisation in Ceylon will be to frighten off capital.

Burma in its first flush of independence rushed to nationalise industry. It has been regretting this action ever since. But young nations must learn the lessons of life—like young children. And they seem reluctant to learn from older states.

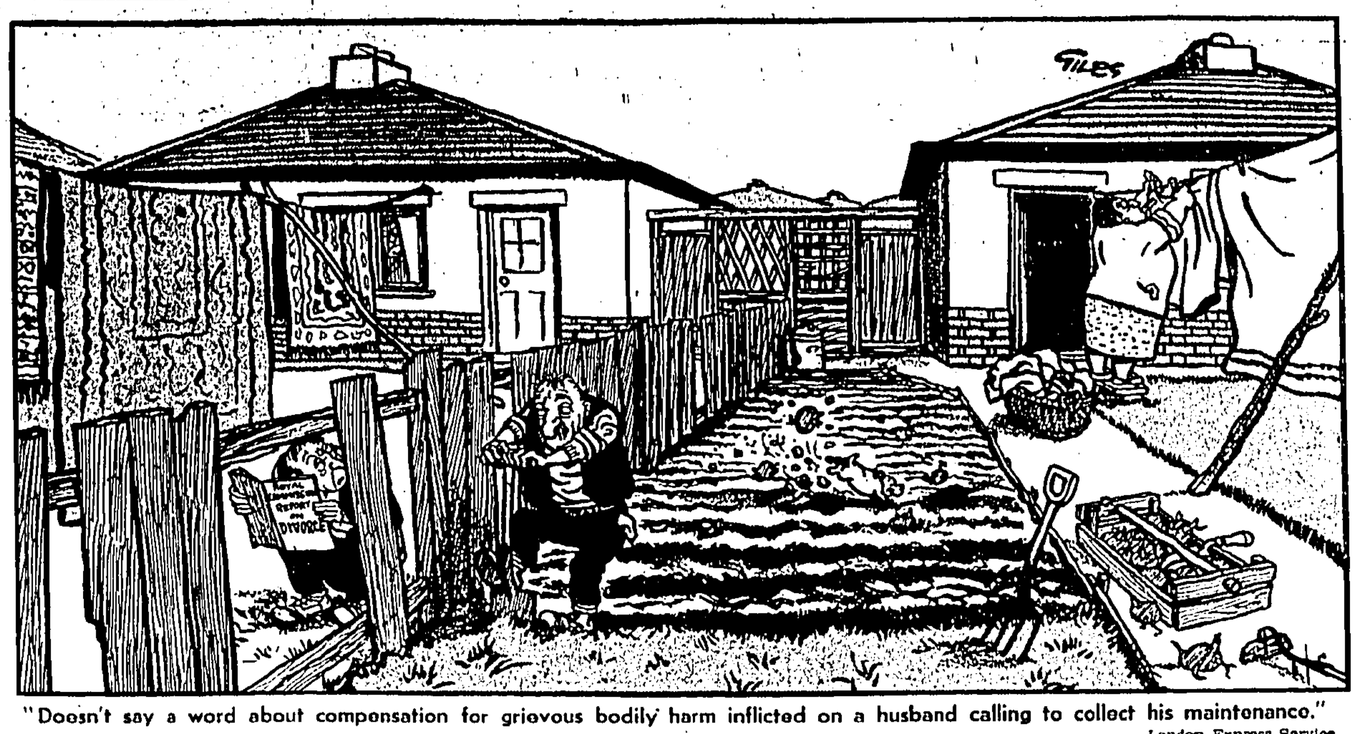
Too Much At Once

There is, however, one gleam of hope in Mr Bandaranaike's statement. He would not make the mistake, he said, as the Labour government in Britain did in 1945, of taking on too much at once. In other words he would tell you—as do other leading politicians in the Commonwealth—that, as a Socialist, he believes in nationalisation in theory, "but it wouldn't work here!"

All in all, it is probably too early to see the future pattern of Ceylon. It is one thing to make promises at the hustings; another to carry them out.

It is probable that Mr Bandaranaike will behave with greater realism in office than he has shown on the platform. So far as Ceylon's external relations are concerned, it will be easier to judge after the island's new Prime Minister has returned from the Commonwealth Conference this summer.

That will decide whether Ceylon remains within the Commonwealth—and whether the Duke of Edinburgh pays a visit there on his way to the Olympic Games in Australia.



"Doesn't say a word about compensation for grievous bodily harm inflicted on a husband calling to collect his maintenance."
London Express Service

VERDICT ON THE FILM CITY
by Thomas Wiseman

I HAVE come out of the anaesthetic atmosphere of Hollywood with most of my worst illusions shattered. It was like setting out for cannibal territory only to find that the natives are all vegetarians.

The Deadliest Sins of Hollywood are the least probable (and the least enticing) that you could think of.

You may have heard that Hollywood is a place where orgies start at breakfast, every dog-kennel is air-conditioned and stars live like Oriental potentates.

You may have heard that the seven-year-old daughter of a certain film star has her own mink coat, her own chauffeur-driven Cadillac and her own psychiatrist.

You may have heard that it is a city of sin and decadence and corruption compared with which the delinquencies of Nero were definitely juvenile.

The myth has died

Much as I hate to be a spoil-sport, I must tell you it is not so.

That particular Hollywood, if it ever existed, is dead. The truth about Hollywood (which is far more prosaic and, I suppose, in the long run, defamatory) is that it is a nation of shop-talkers and gossips with a middle-class morality and an upper-class income.

That the Hollywood myth should persist after it has died a natural death is not surprising.

Gossip first.....

It is a town full of frustrated story-tellers. Understandably, those who fail to get their stories on to the screen, need to find an alternative outlet for their overworked imaginations.

You can start a rumour in the morning and have it retold to you as an absolute fact in the afternoon. Though none of them state it in their potted biographies, the standard recreation of the Hollywood citizen is gossip. He is invariably contemptuous of any gossip about himself and unhesitatingly believes all the gossip about everybody else.

You would boggle at the number of contradictory stories told with absolute authority (by eye-witnesses) about the activities of any major star. One comes to the conclusion that Hollywood is either full of schizophrenics or liars.

Anybody so gauche as not to have the inside story of the private life of Grace Kelly is doomed to social ostracism. To gossip is a condition of survival in Hollywood, and if you have no stories to tell you are obviously not "in the know" and therefore not worth knowing.

.....Money next

The second deadliest sin is money snobbery.

If you should fail to order caviare one evening or if you cut your staff of gardeners from five to four, it is a certain sign that you are on the skids, that your contract is not going to be renewed, that your last film is a flop and that your fifth wife is suing for alimony. Consequently nobody can afford to economise.

A person's worth is judged by how much he earns and that is judged by how much he spends.

There is no such thing as something money cannot buy.

People in a high income bracket do not care to be seen around with people in a lower income bracket. If a £2,000-a-week star is habitually seen with £500 feature players the studio chiefs may one day decide that maybe he is worth only £500 a week.

Then flattery.....

The third deadly sin of Hollywood is sycophancy.

There are many people of vague, undefined talents who occupy positions of power.

You will hear all sorts of explanations of how they have achieved their positions—that they knew somebody's wife or somebody's daughter or where some skeleton is buried.

The truth is simpler. Usually they owe their positions to their innate talent for flattery. This is a real and necessary talent.

Every person entrusted with the task of making decisions has to have someone to tell him that his decision was the right one. Self-confidence has to be bought—invariably it comes from anybody except yourself. Trust in your own judgment comes only from the knowledge that a dozen other people trust it too.

. . . And shop-talk

The fourth deadly sin of Hollywood is shop-talk.

Whenever people switch off their TV sets and indulge in the luxury of conversation, they talk about films. There is no other topic of conversation. The outside world might not exist.

When people mention the President they are usually referring to the chief executive of MGM, not of the United States.

Art, literature, music are only discussed as commodities which can be bought and adapted into film scripts. One thing Hollywood has in common with the rest of the world is an obsessional interest in Hollywood.

But there is also much to be said in favour of Hollywood.

It is still the greatest concentration of talent to be found anywhere in the world. Every year it produces half a dozen films which are every bit as artistic as anything you will see in the Broadway or London theatres.

The idea that the theatre stands for culture and integrity whereas Hollywood merely stands for vulgarity is as out of date as the Nickelodeon. Frequently, films are better than plays and sometimes better than books. So it is totally untrue to suggest that Hollywood perverts and ruins everything that it touches.

Hollywood is a tolerant town. Anna Magnani, who said some very rude things about the place, receives its highest accolade—an Oscar. Playwright Clifford Odets, who wrote a vicious attack on Hollywood, "The Big Knife," is now working for a high salary as a script-writer in Hollywood.

James Mason, who once wrote an article "Why I Am Scared To Go To Hollywood," is no longer scared. He has been forgiven for his attacks and is now a respected producer at 20th Century-Fox.

Independence

During the last few years, one of the more distasteful features of Hollywood life has begun to disappear. The all-powerful tycoon is a vanishing species.

There is no longer any one individual left in Hollywood who is so powerful that he can make the stars tremble in their high-heeled shoes. Nowadays the artist is the boss—and the tycoon more often than not does the trembling.

Very few of the major stars are under contract to anyone. Gregory Peck, Humphrey Bogart, Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne and a dozen more, all have their own companies, work for themselves.

No longer does one man dictate what should be done and what should not be done. Hollywood is becoming democratic. Anyone with real talent can work on his own terms.

Both Darryl F. Zanuck, boss of 20th Century-Fox Studios, and Don Hartman, boss of Paramount Studios, have given up their jobs to become producers. There is no longer much money or advantage in being a boss.

A quiet revolution has taken place. The big studios which once functioned like totalitarian states must submit, if not to the will of the people, then at least to the will of the stars. The cuties and tough guys have fought and won their war of independence.

Smash hits

Films (like "Marty," "The Moon is Blue") can and are made in defiance of the Hollywood code, commercial and moral, and are smash hits at the box office.

With TV providing all the routine entertainment the public can stomach, Hollywood is conscious that every film it makes must be special. The old dictum that all a film needs is heart, sex, Esther Williams and spiritual uplift, is now a joke.

The men who used to be known as the Tsars of all the Rushes have been overthrown, and the system that operates in Hollywood today is a dictatorship of the proletariat. And it is the richest, most comfortable and most aristocratic proletariat in the world.

DURING his tour of Hollywood Thomas Wiseman met many stars—among them Grace Kelly.

Miss Kelly was making the film "High Society." Wiseman interviewed her on the set—while the studio hairdresser made last-minute adjustments to Miss Kelly's hair.

His verdict on Miss Kelly: A go-getting Cinderella.

Hollywood has four deadly sins

NIGHTMARE RYTHM BAN
From JAMES COOPER

WAR on "Rock 'n Roll"—the repetitive rhythm that has sparked off a wave of riots by teenagers—has been declared.

Welfare workers call for a ban on the "theme music of juvenile delinquency."

Radio stations say they will no longer play records of the music with the jungle beat.

Cinema managers refuse to show "Rock Around the Clock," which features bands playing "Rock 'n Roll."

Teenagers have been stabbed, trains wrecked—and so the declaration goes out: "This nightmare in rhythm must be banned."

AND a mask of that portrayer of juvenile delinquency on the screen, James Dean, killed in a car crash last year, is to be placed in the Hall of Fame at Princeton University—alongside Beethoven, Thackeray, and Keats.

FIRST attempt to land an airplane at the South Pole will be made next October by the U.S. Navy, which hopes to base 14 scientists there.

HYPNOTISM is to be tested by the U.S. secret service for helping agents to recall details of hush-hush missions.

CAR park owners in Washington who offered free parking to anyone attending church report that 10,000 drivers accepted the offer each Sunday.

SUNBURN pills are being developed by the University of Oregon to let fair-skinned people tan without a painful burn.

BING CROSBY says he is to visit Britain this summer to play golf—"but I'll never retire from show business as long as there's an audience."

CONSCIENCE money of $2,500 received by the income tax office in Chicago was marked as sent by: I. O. THISMUCH.

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This Funny World

"... Before you spank me, Dad ... You're the *greatest!*"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

"IT is not clear," said he magistrate, "whether you were actually bicycling backwards, or merely sitting backwards on the bicycle and riding it forwards in the normal way."

"I was sitting backwards," said the man, "with the handlebars behind me, but I turned my body, so as to face the right way, although I was riding the machine the wrong way, as far as its movement went." "The effect," said the magistrate, "was, I presume, to make the bicycle travel forwards?" "No, backwards," said the man, "in relation to my body before I had swivelled round." "Then," said the magistrate, "as the cycle was moving forwards, in relation to your body before you turned it, you might as well have sat on the machine like anyone else and just ridden it normally?" "Yes," said the man. "Then I don't understand what this is all about," said the magistrate petulantly.

A nose for music

DEAR Sir,

Some days ago you wrote of the disadvantages of a long nose in harp playing. I am a violinist with a remarkably long nose, and I have to hold my head very high in order to keep the nose out of the way of the bow. This makes me look supercilious, and people often shout "Come off it!" not realising that I am not being "superior," but merely cautious.

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Dear Sir,

I play the cymbals in our local band, and my nose is so long that I often get it caught between the two cymbals. This is not only painful, but makes me look ridiculous.

* * *

Dear Sir,

My exceptionally long nose was deemed by my family to be an obstacle to a musical career. But I am proud to say that I overcame this handicap and I now play the xylophone with my nose at parties.

The Great
NAGBIND
Is Coming

For his buttonhole

The fishmonger said he saw Mr Spring pocketing the roes, and then walking away.

ALAS! that Spring should vanish with the roes, as Omar Khayyam would have said

TARGET

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, good; 24 words, *very good*; 28 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION Acid acidity acrid acridly adry airy arch archil archly arid aridity art attic auric card caul chair char charily chary clad clary clay curia curial daily dairy dial diarchy diary druil dray dual ducal hail hair hairy hard hardly hardy hart haul hydra HYDRAULIC lacy lady lair laid lair laird larch lard lardy laud liar racily racy raid rail udal yard

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

BORN today, you have considerable understanding of others and are well-beloved by all who know you. Kind, sympathetic and eager to help all those who are less fortunate than yourself, you are not the usual type of "do-gooder". By deed and example you encourage all those whom you believe are worthy of a boost.

You like to know everything there is to know about a subject—and this means that you are sometimes a little too eager to know about the affairs of others! Yet it is usually for some good reason and unless you let this trait disintegrate into a prying inquisitiveness, there is nothing to worry about. You women, especially, are exceptionally fond of children and would do well in teaching, in youth guidance or in kindergarten work. You will want your own home to be attractive and will be a fine homemaker. Even if you have a career, you will not be content until you are wed and have a home and family of your own.

Impulsive in romance, you may need to exert a little caution in the realm of the affections, for you are apt to be carried away by impulse. Something of an idealist and a dreamer, you may have quite a time finding that "one person" with whom you will be willing to share your whole life. But once found, it is forever since your loyalties are deep.

Among those born on this date are: John Trumbull, poet and jurist; John A. Alexander, educator; Thomas Addis Emmet, Irish patriot; Le-lie Howard, Cyril Maude and Jack Hulbert, actors; and Blanche Bing, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—There is special emphasis on the romantic, if you are unwed, and on domestic harmony, if married.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Avoid getting into even a minor argument just now. You will find things go better if you stay calm.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Friends may prove important today. Your children, too, can bring you much happiness.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Self-control in all matters can minimise the effects of confusion about you. Stay in command!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take extra care when it comes to making or signing a new contract today. Be sure to read the fine print!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Routine is your best policy, especially when it comes to money matters and business affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You will need the maximum of self-control to cope with today's difficulties. They seem more confusing than they actually are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Pay close attention to duty and don't permit yourself to be sidetracked by unimportant issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You may find that a combination of business and pleasure can be governed by friendly associations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your personal attitude toward the day's problems will be the best answer. Be positive and constructive.

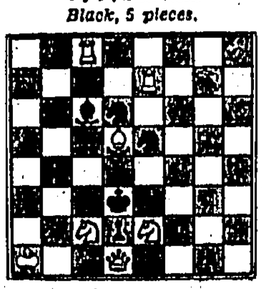
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—This can be a productive day if you will curb unwise impulses and, instead, use your best common sense.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—This is a day when you can collect what's owing you—and, in turn, you should pay your bills!

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. SERVAIS

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Kt—Q8, 1 ... Q—R2; 2, R× P; 1 ... R—R2; 2, R—Q7.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

'Silly Bid' Is Not So Dumb

By OSWALD JACOBY

"WHAT can West hope to gain from that silly bid of four hearts?" you may ask when you study the bidding of today's hand. A better question is: What can West lose by the bid?

West was ready to bid four spades if he got doubled at four hearts. If everybody passed four heart, (virtually impossible), West was willing to lose 50 points per trick instead of allowing the enemy to score a vulnerable game.

The "silly" bid gained for West in a strange way. Terence Reese, the great English expert, held the West cards. He opened the ace of spades and continued with the three of spades at the second trick. This was safe enough, since East was sure to have either a high spade or a trump, so there was no chance that South could win the trick with a spade.

	NORTH (D)	
	♠ 6 4 2	
	♥ A 5 3	
	♦ 7	
	♣ A Q J 9 5 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ A K Q J 8 5 3		♠ 10 7
♥ 8 4		♥ Q J 9 7 6
♦ J 4		♦ 8 5 2
♣ 4 3		♣ 8 7 6
	SOUTH	
	♠ 9	
	♥ K 10 2	
	♦ A K Q 10 9 6 3	
	♣ K 10	

North-South vul.

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	2 ♠
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	4 ♥(!)
Pass	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠ A

This sequence confirmed South's impression that West had only moderate length in spades. Hence there was no reason for South to disbelieve the bid of four hearts. (South might have suspected monkey business if he had known about West's solid seven-card spade suit.)

South began to worry about a bad break in diamonds. Apparently West had 10 or 11 cards in spades and hearts. There was a good chance that West had only a singleton diamond.

Congratulating himself on his foresight, South led a heart to dummy's ace and returned a diamond to finesse the ten. Reese won the setting trick with the jack of diamonds, all because of his deceptive bid of four hearts.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 N.T.	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠7 2 ♥K Q J 6 3 2 ♦Q J 8 4 ♣3
What do you do?

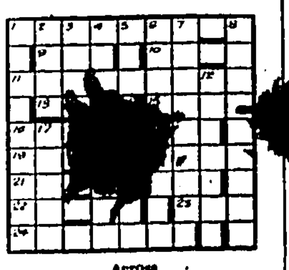
A—Bid four hearts. You want to be in this contract opposite almost any opening no-trump hand, so there's no point in beating about the bush.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠7 ♥K J 9 7 6 3 2 ♦J 10 8 4 ♣3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

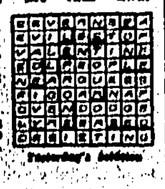


Across

1. No chorus work at all in a concert of these. (4, 5)
9. This start is a bird. (8)
10. Candidates vie for one in the House. (4)
11. Need ice. Do! (anag.) (9)
13. May be seen in one of 1 Across. (4) 18. The old rake. (4)
16. Never a dull moment! (8)
19. He's a countryman in America. (4) 20. Green-maker. (4)
21. Richness. (8)
22. It's a naber's delight, in Scotland. (5)
23. Make a mistake. (8)
24. They make up a girl's wardrobe. (7)

Down

1. The coke is shovelled on here. (9) 2. Spheres. (4)
3. The list of Scottish candidates. (6)
4. Unusual, before a fellow. (8)
5. They're unlucky, it's often said. (9) 6. Ruse about. (4)
7. Corn ensue (anag.). (9)
8. Is this a duelling rapier? (5-4)
12. This takes the rain away underfoot. (7)
14. Pretty pair don't often pass unnoticed! (8)
17. Sir, hush! A spy's station (—it's a snake). (6)
18. Bitter on it may jump either way. (5)



Yesterday's Solution

What Makes Baby Cry?

By CARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

APPARENTLY, a baby doesn't have to learn to cry from any bodily discomforts — hunger pain, anger or sudden shock. He just does it.)

It's not long before denial of something he likes, angers him and makes him cry. Then out of his experiences from having his hunger satisfied, his other discomforts allayed, he derives new comforts and cries: when they are interrupted or denied.

The mother's problem is to satisfy his needs and comfort or relieve his discomforts without arousing in him too rapidly growing wants or wants which will prove to be nuisances later.

Many a young mother has often been told by those who are supposed to know, not to let the baby cry but to give him what he wants when he wants it. This soon gets her into a lot of trouble, for his wants tend to grow faster than she can satisfy them.

In spite of the mother's efforts, a young child may cry more and more. As she resolves to let him cry, the mother then has the problem of knowing when she should and when she shouldn't and how to be consistent.

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When in doubt, especially if he cries often and long when in bed, the mother should consult her physician. He will check the baby for any physical causes, especially local infections, digestive disturbances or hunger on nutrition needs by night or day. Also, he may discuss the child's emotional needs and her own with the mother.

Some babies and young children cry excessively because the family atmosphere is not comfortable or serene or because the mother has some emotional conflicts the child inevitably senses.

With these causes of excessive crying ruled out, the mother should look into her way of managing this child, her way of trying to satisfy his needs or gratify his growing wants.

Household Hints

A duplication of kitchen tools saves both time and steps.

Small amounts of spices, seasonings, flour and sugar, with an extra paring knife and set of measuring spoons, should be kept near the range as well as in the storage cabinet. Paper towels should be kept near the range and sink, to save steps when liquids are spilled.

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When buying saucepans, look for tight-fitting covers to conserve heat and hasten cooking.

WOMANSENSE

Capucci Prefers The Pure Line

At 24, Roberto Capucci has reached the hierarchy of couture. He designs with the young refined woman in mind, avoiding showy trimmings. His line is a plain silhouette with a high-waistline effect and shortened skirt.

By GINA POPESINA

THE young Italian designer Roberto Capucci presented his first collection at the Pitti Palace in Florence five years ago when he was only 19. The great promise he showed then has indeed been fulfilled, for today he is one of the world's leading designers. He has presented his collections all over Europe, in the United Kingdom, and in North and South America.

This season, in particular, his models have met with great acclaim. If anything and to many people's astonishment—he has tended to eclipse the more dominant figures in the fashion world.

Capucci combines good taste, sensitivity, colour sense and originality with his natural talent to produce models in which every detail is in harmony with the whole.

He designs with the young refined woman in mind, avoiding showy trimmings and looking for the pure line, which, although it does not necessarily follow the natural curves of the figure, enhances its natural slimness.

The main features of his latest line are a straight and plain silhouette with a high-waistline effect and shortened skirt. Necklines are bare or have very large cape collars. Coats widen towards the hemline.

To balance the shorter skirts, suit jackets are also shorter and are usually semi-fitted at the waist. A number feature deep cape collars such as the one on a suit in pink and white herringbone wool. This extends almost to the elbows and is trimmed with two flapped pockets at the front.

Another suit with a cape collar has a yoke treatment to give a high waistline effect at the back of the jacket, which is then split to the hem down the centre.

FAVOURED FORMULA

The dress-and-jacket formula is very much favoured by Capucci. In fact, he presented a whole set of these ensembles in lightweight spring wools such as herringbone weaves, light tweeds, wool knits, Cheviots and Shetlands in pale and bright colours often blended with white.

The short jackets softly mould the hips in front but they are often straight and boxy at the back. The dresses are smooth and straight with small plain necklines and very short sleeves.

Coats in this collection have a straight line which is widened towards the hem by extra panels, inserted low in the skirt at the back. Very novel are coats which fasten at the back instead of the front. One model even has buttons at the back and at the front.

Day dresses are given a plain look with the slimness of the bust and hips emphasised by the smooth line of the skirt, which widens into pleats and panels. Cocktail dresses have moulded, smooth bodices and short, very full skirts worked in pleats, gathers or ribs. The straight line returns again in dinner dresses which gracefully envelop the body in drapings. Floating panels are caught in at the waist with a belt to give a cape effect.

BASIC TONES

Much talked about is a coat-dress by this designer in dark brown soft wool. From the front it is just a slim-skirted tailored dress but from the back it appears to be worn with a three-quarter matching jacket, slit from waist to hem in the centre back. This, however, is merely an illusion because the "jacket" ends at the side seams.

On the whole, the colours that Capucci has used are fresh and pale although there are some bold tones. Navy blue, white and black are the basic tones in his collection, while colours include fern green, straw yellow, brown, orange and purple.

The combination of navy with white is almost inevitable in a spring collection, but Capucci does not just add touches of white for the sake of it. Always it is with a purpose—usually to draw attention to a particular feature of a model. For instance, on a navy blue wool suit, a round flat collar of white pique continues the curving effect of the yoke.

The fabrics most favoured by this designer at the moment are basket weave wool tolles, Shetlands, Cheviots, wool knits and fancy wool fabrics with embossed designs.

Top Left: This elegant afternoon dress is in a very fine knitted wool fabric. The skirt is very slim while the collarless bodice features a bolero effect.

Centre Right: In string-coloured basket-weave wool, this spring coat is cut on straight lines which widen slightly towards the hem. Note the unusual treatment of the back of the skirt.

Lower Left: The dominant feature of this morning ensemble is the enormous shawl collar which knots at the the front and falls to a V at the back of the check jacket worn over a straight skirt of plain wool.

THE LITTLE PRINCESS WITH A FASHION SENSE

London.

PRINCESS ANNE is going to be the best-dressed little girl in Britain this summer.

Queen Elizabeth has ordered all of her daughter's clothes for the coming season and they've been chosen as carefully as any debutante outfit.

The colours include warm shades of rose-pink, green, and sea-blue and lilac, which, incidentally, is going to be the leading new shade for grown girls, too.

The Queen doesn't care about pale pastels for herself, and she doesn't like to see her daughter in them either.

PLAIN, WASHABLE

One of Princess Anne's more dashing about-town frocks has navy blue hairline checks on a white ground, cut on tailored lines with turned-back round collar and cuffs. Over it will go a navy waisted coat, and there'll be a saucy white straw sailor hat.

Everything in the Princess' summer wardrobe is plain and washable. Two cotton frocks a day is quite customary. Laundry is done by hand by the palace nursemaid, Mabel Scott, who helps the chief nurse, Helen Lightbody.

"I can do that, too!" is Princess Anne's usual cry when Prince Charles is climbing a tree or doing something else of a strenuous nature, and that often means mudstains and smears and even a tear or two. She plays in hard-wearing corduroy pants and a bloused jacket or a cotton sun-suit if it's exceptionally hot.

But when she goes to a party, Princess Anne is truly a fairy-tale figure and very insistent that "my jewels" are put on. Her pearl necklace and the small turquoise brooch the Queen lends her for such occasions give her the keenest joy.

"Now I really do look smart!" she'll announce as she studies herself in the mirror.

Her newest party dress is pink net elaborately frilled over deeper taffetta and decorated with tiny embroidered silk rosebuds and leaves. She wore it recently at a tea party given by her five-year-old cousin, Viscount Lascelles, son of the Earl of Harewood whose mother is the Queen's favourite aunt, the Princess Royal.

LEARNED NEW DANCE

In her gala outfit, Princess Anne learned the new dance that's currently all the rage among the junior smart set in London. It's known as "The Lettice Leefe Hop" and has a simple two-step-forward-three-steps-back movement to a very catchy little tune.

It is the invention of a party entertainer, Ernest Castro, who uses a schoolgirl doll called Lettice Leefe.

Castro showed Princess Anne how to do it and she was an apt pupil, particularly light on her feet with an excellent sense of rhythm.

Prince Charles is always slower than his sister and not so agile, though he manages in the end through sheer perseverance.—United Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Merlin's Great Catch

—It Was In The Bag Until The Shadows Became Curious—

By MAX TRELL

FROM the bottom of the hill, Knarf could see him darting this way and that way. For he was at the top of the hill. He had a butterfly net but it was much too cold for anybody to be catching butterflies.

When Hanid came along, Knarf pointed up to the top of the hill and said: "That's Mr Merlin, the Magnificent Magician. He has a butterfly net."

Winter Sun

"That's right," said Hanid, as she shaded her eyes from the bright winter sun which glistened off the snow all around them.

"But he can't be catching butterflies at this time of the year."

"That's just what I thought," said Knarf.

At this moment, they both noticed a strange thing. Mr Merlin seemed to have caught whatever it was he was trying to catch in his net. They saw him emptying the net into a large paper bag.

"Mr Merlin! What have you caught?" Hanid called up.

Mr Merlin waved down to them. A few minutes later, he came scrambling and sliding down the hill.

"Well, I finally caught it," he said, as he stood before them.

Knarf and Hanid asked him eagerly what he had caught.

"Winter," replied Mr Merlin. He patted the bag. "I've got him right here."

Hanid said in astonishment: "You've really caught Winter, Mr Merlin?"

Mr Merlin nodded and patted the bag again.

"But how can you have Winter in a paper bag?" asked Knarf.

"Not even a magician can do that," said Hanid.

"Well," said Mr Merlin, as he folded up the butterfly net to the size of a match box and stuck it under the brim of his hat, "I don't know about other magicians, but I've caught Winter. Don't you notice how much warmer it's become?"

Red Noses

"As I said before," continued Mr Merlin, patting the paper bag for the third time, "I've got Winter all bagged up. There'll be no more frost. There'll be no more red noses. There'll be no more tingling ears. You might just as well throw away your mufflers, mittens and ear muffs."

Mr Merlin gave a broad smile. "Right here in this bag."

"What are you going to do with it?" Hanid asked.

"I haven't decided yet," said Mr Merlin. "I may send it up to the North Pole—or the South Pole. Or then again, I may decide to keep it in my icebox. Or then again, I may put it in the oven in a big iron pot, with plenty of pepper and Tabasco sauce and warm it up. Nobody minds a warm Winter."

Knarf asked Merlin to open the bag.

Knarf said: "If you've got Winter in that bag, Mr Merlin, I'd like to see it."

"I'd like to see it, too," said Hanid. "I've never seen what Winter looks like."

"It doesn't look like anything," said Mr Merlin.

But there was no use his arguing. Knarf and Hanid would not be satisfied until they had peeked into the bag and seen what Winter looked like.

"I know I shouldn't do this," said Mr Merlin. Then, as Knarf and Hanid stood over the bag, he opened it up.

There was an icy cold gust of wind. The trees shook. The sun grew cold. Noses got red. Ears and toes tingled and Mr Merlin shook his head sadly.

"There," he said, "Winter's out again!"

Rupert and the Black Circle—27

Bingo stops at Willie's call and looks curiously at the ball. "H'm, this is more of a mystery than those black circles," he murmurs, "but I can't tell you anything. It certainly isn't mine, and I've never seen anyone round here playing with a thing like that."

And he marches off again. "Well, that's the end of that," mutters Bill. "We've got nowhere. Let's go home." All at once Rupert pauses. "No, that's not the end!" he cries. "It mustn't be!" And, turning abruptly, he runs after Bingo.

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This dress of cotton and silk is from Lola Prusac's spring-summer collection. Named "Pagode", it is in light beige with dark brown dots, decorated with ribbons of same shade. — Agence France-Presse.

LOOK OUT AUSSIES! TONY LOCK HAS NEW TRICKS

By ALAN HOBY

Last week Tony Lock—the man the Australians fear just as much as Tyson and Statham—bowled his first ball of the season at the Oval nets.

I have just spent an afternoon with Tony and I can tell the Aussies that they have every cause for worry! For the Lock I saw was a new Lock—a refreshingly confident and relaxed cricketer.

Moreover, there was no sign, if I may say so, of the chip on the shoulder so often hinted at by the tattletales and trouble-makers.

There can be no doubt that Lock's last-minute selection for the Pakistan tour turned out to be one of the wisest moves ever made by the MCC.

For overlooked in the hubbub caused by the Pakistan "ragging" incident is one striking fact—

RECORD WICKETS

Lock the much-criticised one only emerged from the tour with a record 81 wickets but, while others were blotting their copy-books, he came through with a completely unsmirched reputation.

In fact, while officials and relatives were awaiting the team's return at London Airport, MCC secretary Ronnie Aird told Tony's wife how delighted the MCC were with the reports they had received about her husband.

And—at last—a wrong was righted.

To understand exactly what that wrong was we must turn back to the West Indies tour of 1953-54 when the Surrey star's name was freely coupled with that of Freddie Trueman as one of the naughtiy boys of the visit.

As a result Lock was thought to be out of favour at Lord's, although the incidents in the West Indies were grossly exaggerated.

Worse, he has been blamed most unfairly—for what happened in Pakistan.

Lock, however, refuses to discuss those days. Having won back all his colours, he looks forward to what he hope will be his best-ever season.

For the Surrey all-rounder is one of the most valuable properties in English cricket.

"A lot of critics used to say that I couldn't spin on hard wickets," Lock told me. "That's probably why I didn't go to Australia last time.

"Well, now I have proved that I can—both in Pakistan and for a large part of last season when I took 216 wickets."

NEW LEASE

Another substantial reason for Lock's new lease of confidence is that the much-injured index finger of his left hand has never been better.

Lock spins the ball so fiercely that he splits his finger season after season. He has even stood down from Test matches because of the troublesome finger.

So raw and inflamed does it become that every day, morning and evening, Lock massages it with a mixture of surgical and pure spirit to harden the skin. And in Pakistan it didn't split once.

Lock's shock weapon has always been his controversial extra-fast ball.

It wasn't just the surprise value of the faster ball which wreaked the havoc, but the fact that batsmen were always waiting and "looking" for it.

But now Lock tells me that since he was thrice no-balled in the West Indies for alleged "throwing" he no longer uses his fast ball!

"I have given it up," he says, "In fact, I feel I'm bowling better than ever before without it."

I looked my disbelief and he grinned. "Of course, that doesn't mean I don't have a few tricks up my sleeve for the Australians," he said.

I'm sure he has!

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TENNIS LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis League will commence on Tuesday May 1, with seven matches in the Men's "B" and four matches in the Ladies' "B" Division down for decisions.

Following is a list of fixtures for the first three weeks in May:

Mondays: Ladies A Men's A.
Tuesdays: Ladies "B" Men's B.
Wednesdays: Mixed A Men's C.
Thursdays: Mixed B, Men's D.
Friday: Reserved for postponed matches on account of bad weather.

MEN'S "A"
Monday

May 7: SCAA v KCC; HKCC v CRC.
May 14: SCAA v CRC; KCC v HKCC.
May 28: CRC v KCC; HKCC v SCAA.

MEN'S "B"
Tuesday

May 1: RAF v Recreio, CCC (2) v HKU; KTGCA v CUSRC; LRC v HKCC; USRC v Army; CRC (2) v Urban C; CRC (1) v CCC (1); SCAA (bye).
May 8: HKU v RAF; Recreio v KTGCA; SCAA v CCC (2); CUSRC v USRC; Urban C v HKCC; CCC (1) v Army; CRC (2) v CRC (1); LRC (bye).
May 15: KTGCA v RAF; HKU v LRC; Recreio v SCAA; CCC (2) v Urban C; CUSRC v CCC (1); CRC (1) v HKCC; CRC (2) v Army; USRC (bye).

MEN'S "C"
Section "A"
Wednesday

May 2: LRC (2) v PORC; SCAA v CCC (1); CUSRC (1) v CRC (1); CRC (2) v Recreio (2); Urban C v KTGCA (1).
May 9: Urban C v LRC (2); PORC v CCC (1); Recreio (2) v SCAA; CRC (2) v CRC (2); KTGCA (1) v CUSRC (1).
May 16: CCC (1) v LRC (2); Urban C v CUSRC (1); PORC v Recreio (2); SCAA v CRC (1); CRC (2) v KTGCA (1).

Section "B"
Wednesday

May 2: KTGCA (2) v IRC; USRC v KTTC; CCC (2) v LRC (1); CRC (1) v KCC; CCSRC (2) v Recreio (1).
May 9: Recreio (1) v KTGCA (2); KTTC v IRC; KCC v USRC; CRC (1) v LRC (1); CCSRC (2) v CCC (2).
May 16: KTGCA (2) v KTTC; CCC (2) v Recreio (1); IRC v KCC; USRC v LRC (1); CRC (1) v CCSRC (2).

MEN'S "D"
Thursday

May 3: CRC (3) v POC; LRC v CRC (2); HKCC v KCC (2); IRC v PORC; KCC (1) v PRC; KTGCA v CRC (1).
May 10: LRC v CRC (3); KCC (2) v POC; CRC (2) v IRC; HKCC v KCC (1); PORC v CRC (1); PRC v KTGCA.
May 17: CRC (3) v KCC (2); IRC v LRC; KCC (1) v POC; CRC (1) v CRC (2); KTGCA v HKCC; PRC v PORC.

LADIES "A"
Monday

May 7: KCC v CRC; LRC v SCAA; USRC v Recreio.
May 14: USRC v CRC; LRC v Recreio; KCC v SCAA.
May 28: KCC v LRC; USRC v SCAA; CRC v Recreio.

LADIES "B"
Tuesday

May 1: LRC (2) v Recreio (2); SCAA v Recreio (1); CCC v USRC; CRC v LRC (1); KCC (bye).
May 8: KCC v LRC (2); Recreio (2) v SCAA; Recreio (1) v LRC (1); CCC v CRC; USRC (bye).
May 15: LRC (2) v SCAA; USRC v KCC; Recreio (2) v LRC (1); Recreio (1) v CCC; CRC (bye).

MIXED "A"
Wednesday

May 2: HKCC v CRC; KCC (bye).
May 9: KCC v HKCC; CRC (bye).
May 16: CRC v KCC; HKCC (bye).

MIXED "B"
Thursday

May 3: SCAA v CRC; LRC v CCC; Recreio v Urban C.
May 10: Recreio v CRC; LRC v Urban C; SCAA v CCC.
May 17: SCAA v LRC; Recreio v CCC; CRC v Urban C.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer

Div. 1: CAA v KMB (Boundary Street) 6 p.m.

Golf

Kadoorie Deep Water Bay Flag competition.

TOMORROW

Soccer

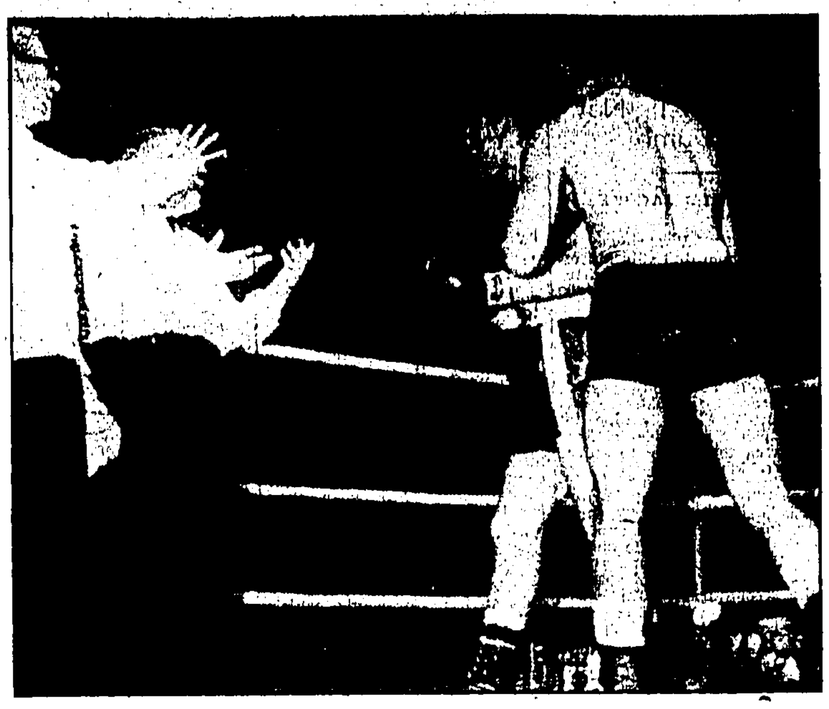
Memorial Cup: Civilians v Kowloon Chinese at Club ground, 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Soccer

Schoolboys': St Joseph's College v Mardin Chinese Schoolboys (Club) 7 p.m.
Seconds' Cup: Services v Hongkong Chinese (Club) 6.30 p.m.

ITALIAN CHASES REFEREE AS TURPIN WINS



Britain's Randolph Turpin came back on April 17 after a six-month retirement from boxing to stop Italian cruiserweight Alessandro d'Ottavio in six rounds at Birmingham, England.

D'Ottavio had blood pouring from a cut over his left eye, and at the end of the round referee Fred Blakeborough ended the fight on doctor's advice.

That was the start of the excitement. D'Ottavio, half-blinded by blood, leaped off his seat and chased Blakeborough across the ring until the referee's back was against the ropes.

"Listen," shouted d'Ottavio. "Listen to me. I speak English. I fight on." But Blakeborough shook his head to show that, so far as he was concerned, the fight was over.

Then d'Ottavio started prancing up and down in front of him. He went on until Turpin forced his way between the two men and wrestled d'Ottavio away.

Said d'Ottavio's manager, Luigi Proletti: "In boxing you get cuts. You must expect them. If you stop fights because of cuts then boxing is dead."

Although Turpin's comeback has started successfully, sportswriter opinion was that he has lost the killer touch. Said one scribe: ". . . he has not the same ability to land his punches when and where required."

Picture shows:— d'Ottavio protests the decision as Turpin, back to camera, tries to console him.—London Express Photo.

WATERMAN-GAVILAN FIGHT

KID GAVILAN CONFIDENT OF CLEARCUT WIN

London, Apr. 23.

Kid Gavilan of Cuba was confident today that he will score a clearcut victory over the British Welterweight, Peter Waterman, when they meet in their return 10-round bout at Earls Court tomorrow night.

In their last meeting, the undefeated 21-year-old Briton gained a decision which nearly caused a riot at Harringay Arena, in February. The British Boxing Board of Control later revoked the licence of referee Ben Green.

Since that date, Gavilan, former World Welterweight Champion, has lost a decision to France's Germinal Ballarin in Paris. Although the "Kid" believes he will reverse the decision against Waterman, boxing experts here are doubtful.

They believe that Waterman has gained valuable experience from his previous encounter and that his harder punching will wear the Cuban down — provided he does not allow Gavilan to dictate the fight.—United Press.

SHEK O GOLF

The annual play-off for the Fred Barry Memorial Trophy was held on April 22 over 36 holes against Bogey, resulting in a win for Anker, B Henningsen with 6 down.

S M Garrard was runner-up with 7 down, and the prizes for the best morning and afternoon scores went to A.S. Hill and S M. Backe. This competition was the last of the winter season's and following it Lady Kimloch presented the prizes to the winners over the season, as follows:

October Bogey pools: —C. Maclean and Dr J. Gray.

November Stableford pools:—B R Barrier and G.W. Jones.

December Medal pools:—N. P. Fox and R. D. Neale.

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Lyle Cup:—Winner: R. D Bell. Runner up: B. Harrison.

January Stableford pools:—W. Stoker and N. F. Searles.

February Medal pools:—C. E. Wallace and N.F. Searles.

C.N.Y. Eclectic:—N. P. Fox.

March Bogey pools: — W. Stoker and A. M. Mack.

Easter Stableford: — A. G. Donn.

Mixed Foursomes:—Mr and Mrs F. G. Harrison.

April Medal pool:—S. M. Garrard.

TABLE TENNIS

Reigning Women's World Doubles Champions Beaten

Paris, Apr. 23.

Radio Peking reported today that China's Sun Mei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui sprang a surprise on Angelica Rozeanu and Ella Zeller of Rumania, reigning World Women's Doubles Table Tennis Champions by downing them by two matches to nil in Canton.

The Rumanian pair, who swept aside strong Japanese and British opposition to retain their world title in Tokyo, lost 16-21 and 18-21.

China's Chiang Yung-ning, discarding his usual defensive game, smashed to a clear 2-0 victory over Rumanian Champion T. Harastosi. The scores were 21-18 and 21-9.—France-Presse.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

AS A HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER . . . .

Kitione Lave Has Been Chief Disturber Of Britain's Fistic Peace

Says DENNIS HART

Kitione Lave comes from Tonga, one of the Friendly Isles. His patron is Queen Salote, Tonga's so-friendly ruler. He is the son of a parson.

But as a heavyweight boxer Lave has been chief disturber of Britain's fistic peace. Last December he had five thousand fans howling in protest when the former British and Empire Champion Jack Gardner was given the decision after Lave had chased him almost throughout the ten rounds of their Birmingham fight.

That same month saw Lave sacked from his job as chief sparring partner to South African giant Ewart Potgieter after he had unceremoniously dumped "Pottie's" 23 stone on the canvas.

Now Lave is planning his biggest upset of all. At Earls Court today he takes on British and Empire Champion Don Cockell.

If he wins Cockell's proposed defence of his title against former Champion Jack Gardner would have as much crowd appeal as a chess-match.

But can this enthusiastic, but raw, 21-year-old Tongan stop Don Cockell, the man who fought so gallantly against Rocky Marciano?

HIS THIRD VICTORY

Yes he can. Cockell has done well—in the past. You know when he last won a fight? Almost two years ago when he chalked up his third victory over Harry Matthews. Since then he has had just two fights, the Marciano mauling and a three-round defeat by Nino Valdes.

Don knows how important this Lave fight is and has trained his hardest. But a fighter's place is in the ring and I fancy it will be a ring-rusty Cockell we will see today.

And Lave? Whereas Cockell has not fought for seven months the Tongan has had five bouts in that time. And he has learned something from every one of them. No longer the tempestuous fighter who faded after four or five rounds he now paces his fights and picks his punches. He hooks harder and faster than any heavyweight in Britain.

It is those hooks which I take to shock Cockell and maybe cause Britain's biggest boxing upset in years.

The first meeting between Waterman and Gavilan, at Harringay two months ago, ended in the loudest "We wuz robbed" squeal heard in years and in referee Ben Green losing his licence for giving Waterman the verdict.

This time Gavilan declares that all the referee will have to know is how to count up to ten for he is going to knock Waterman out.

Another Commonwealth boxer aiming to upset the Cockell-Gardner fight plans is Joe Bygraves, of Jamaica. On the same bill that Lave meets Cockell, Bygraves takes on Gardner. The Jamaican regards it as a golden chance to take a short cut to Empire honours.

Gardner, however, tough and durable as ever should hold his own.

So to the third top-ranking fight on the Earls Court bill... A lad from Clapham meets a gentleman from Cuba. No title involved but it is one of the most-talked about fights in Britain. For the Clapham boy is Peter Waterman, the Cuban his Kid Gavilan.

If he aims to do this he must punch a good deal better than he did at Harringay. Three-quarters of the blows delivered in his whirlwind, but spasmodic, attacks were with the open glove. Having fought thirteen years and waged over 130 fights in this manner I think Gavilan has left it late to change his style.

So expect Waterman to be still on his feet at the end of this fight. And don't be too surprised if his hand is raised in victory.

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FIFA Skipper Says 'Match Was Stolen From Us.....'

OCWIRK ATTACKS TOP BRITISH REFEREES

Ernst (Clockwork) Ocwirk, the Austrian footballer who was captain of the FIFA international team, makes a bitter attack on British referees in a biography newly published in Vienna, writes Bob Pennington.

The lash falls on world-class referees Mervyn Griffiths, of Wales, and Jack Mowat, of Scotland.

Ocwirk goes back to October, 1953, to indict Mervyn Griffiths for his handling of the match in which England snatched a 4-4 draw against FIFA through a last-minute penalty.

Ocwirk recalls that penalty and says: "Approximately 10 minutes are left. We have the game in our hands.

"Posipal (FIFA centre-half) shouts to me: 'Take care, Ernst—today there will be a penalty against us.'

"Then it happens. Calik and Mortensen run for the ball. Calik is quicker. He wants to kick the ball, but the Englishman falls down on his face.

"The referee whistles instantly. Penalty! Such a thing is violence. Such a match should not be stolen, but Mr Griffiths is adamant.

ONLY ENGLISH?

"'What a comedy,' groans Calik. His eyes sparkle in fury. Excitedly he assures everyone 'I have not touched him.'

"Posipal tells German journalists in the dressing room:

"It is a blow against FIFA referees if only Englishmen are allowed to officiate here. Are there good referees only in England?"

Ocwirk goes back even further for his attack on Mowat . . . to the England v. Austria game in November, 1951 . . . and protests that England were wrongly awarded a penalty when Eddie Baily "fell flat" in the penalty area.

And he claims Nat Lofthouse was at least five metres (about six yards) offside when he scored with a header.

"Newsreel photograph prove it," says Ocwick. "Gernhardt and Happel talk — not too friendly — to the referee. He takes their names. We are furious. The referee is against us.

"Later I protest as captain about the award of an indirect free kick. Stojaspal runs across. I have never seen him so angry. Now he warns the referee: 'Once more and we are all going away.'

"After the match Gernhardt say: 'Never in my life have I called a referee so many names.'"

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BRITISH HARD COURT TOURNEY

Hoad And Patty Clear First Round Matches Easily

Bournemouth, Apr. 23.

Lewis Hoad, Australian Champion and favourite for the title, and Budge Patty, former Wimbledon Champion, had no difficulty in justifying their seeding positions of Numbers One and Two in the British Hard Court Lawn Tennis Championships today when play opened here.

Patty, who had played in Paris yesterday, travelled through the night to London and then on to Bournemouth to be on court within half an hour of arriving—but four hours later than he should have started. Then he beat Mike Shaffery, a young physical training instructor, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1, despite showing obvious signs of tiredness. He had also had two injections for tennis elbow.

Hoad was never extended while beating Bernard Stokes a local player, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

Among the six other "seeds" Torben Ulrich (Denmark) was given a hard fight by Sam Khoury, the Lebanese Champion, before winning 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 14-12.

Roger Becker and Billy Knight, two British players who are seeded, respectively beat Bill Delaporte and Bill Page (Two South Africans) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

U. Schmidt (Sweden) and R. N. Howe (Australia), two other seeded players, won through although Howe conceded a set to C. W. Hannam, of Somerset.

The other seed, Ham Richardson (United States), was not playing today and will contest his first match tomorow. — Reuter.

Combined Services Memorial Cup XI

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services in the Memorial Cup (1st round match) on Thursday, April 26, at the Club ground, kick-off at 8.30 p.m.:

Charlesworth (Army), Mullet (Army) Capt. Martin (RAF), Johnston (RAF), Shephead (RAF), Tolfrey (Army), McLennan (RAF), Chalmers (Army), Glasgow (Navy), McMillan (Army), McLoughlin (Army). Reserves: Cater (Navy), Hogan (Army), Bird (Navy), Middleton (Army), Johnson (RAF), Coles (Navy), Edgerton (Army).

Team Manager: F/O. A. H. R. Tucker.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Landy Gets Green Light To Tour America In May

John Landy, Australia's world Mile record holder, has been given the go-ahead for his trip to America in May. When he accepted a private invitation to run in Los Angeles on May 5 and at Fresno, California, on May 12, Dan Ferries, Secretary of the US Amateur Athletic Union, who recently suspended their own miler Wes Santee, described Landy's acceptance as "very irregular."

The invitations must come through the various interested AAU groups. Later Harold Berliner, Vice-Chairman of the American AAU, said John would run, and that there would be no question of his amateur status being endangered.

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Terence Murphy, the Canning Town Light-Heavyweight, has been fined £50 and warned about his future conduct by the British Boxing Board of Control in London.

Murphy was before the board's adjudicators stewards because he swung a punch near the referee after his knock-out in 35 seconds by Alex Buxton at the Albert Hall last week. Murphy claimed that he was still dazed and did not know what he was doing.

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Tom Finney, Preston and England outside-right, is to have an operation which, says Finney, "will mean the end of my groin and sciatica troubles." Finney has fought a long battle against what has been diagnosed in turn as sciatica, lumbago, muscular trouble and a slipped disc.

NUMBER ONE DIVER

Tony Turner, Britain's No 1 diver, now studying at Michigan University, has hinted that he will not be able to compete in the Olympic trials this year. His decision will probably mean that he cannot be selected for the Olympic team. Turner, who is studying medicine in Michigan, thinks these studies come first.

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B. M. Griffiths, Cup Final and international referee, and a Newport schoolmaster, will be automatically retired from the Football League list at the end of the season, having reached the age limit of 47. (Griffiths will officiate at his last Football League match in London on Monday, April 30, when he takes charge of the Millwall-Leyton Orient match at New Cross).

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Franz Stampfl, the Austrian born athletics coach, now in Australia has issued a vest to the athletes under his instruction. It is red with a large white S on the front. Runners already wearing these vests in training include, Chris Chataway, Chris Brasher, Clay Gibbs, David Law and Brian Hewson.

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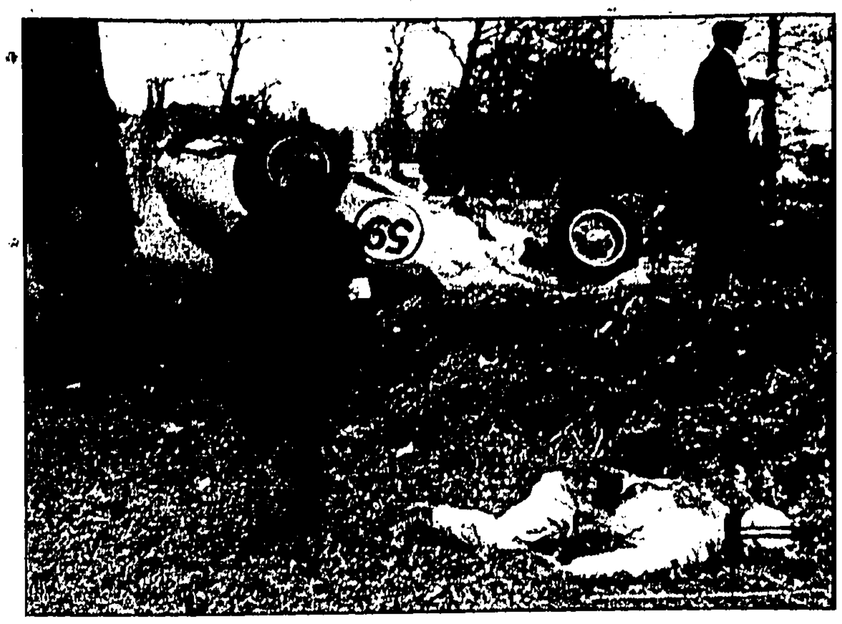
A DUEL THAT ENDED IN DEATH



Heat Two of the Empire Trophy race on April 14 at Oulton Park, England, became for US Navy Commander Arthur Bryant a duel that ended in death.

Motoring fan Commander Bryant, driving an Aston Martin, was well back in the field of 13 cars, engaged in a two-car duel with another American enthusiast, Mackay Fraser, in a Ferrari.

Lap after lap he fought to pass Fraser. He got ahead, but soon afterward, on the last lap he came into Druid's Corner, a quick right-hand turn bounded on the outside by a steep bank topped at intervals with trees.

Bryant could not make the turn. The Aston Martin's front wheels struck the bank, ran up it, leaped into the air, hurling Bryant from the cockpit as it somersaulted, struck a tree and was wrecked.

When ambulance men and nurses reached him Bryant was dead.

Picture shows:— Commander Bryant lies where he was hurled from the somersaulting car. London Express Photo.

SUPPORTERS OF TWO CITIES CAN SEE...

Football Association Cup On Exhibition At Leicester Square Cafe

By ARCHIE QUICK

The supporters of Birmingham City and Manchester City will be able to see the trophy their team are fighting for at the Wembley Cup Final on May 5 on the morning of that day, for the Football Association Cup is on exhibition from now until midday on the great day at a Leicester Square cafe in the West End of London.

So too is the Rugby League Cup and the rival fans from Halifax and St Helens can see that, too, when they go to Town for their own Wembley Final on April 28.

These two trophies are being exhibited in aid of the funds of the National Association of Boys' Clubs and with them are many other well-known National Sporting trophies the Calcutta Cup won by England's Rugby 15 at Murrayfield this year; Gordon Pirie's "Sportsman of the Year" together with his "Television personality of the Year" trophy; "The Ashes" in their urn, for which England and Australian cricketers strive, a Lonsdale Belt, the hallmark of Champion professional boxing, the greyhound Derby Cup with its memories of the greatest racing dog of all time, Mick the Miller; the Duke of Edinburgh's Cup for Dragon Class Yachts and trophies for darts, small bore shooting, angling, pigeon racing, etc. etc.

Quite the most impressive exhibit is the Calcutta Cup of chaste and beaten silver superimposed by an elephant and with hooded cobras as handles

It is a pity though that there are not on show the Ascot Gold Cup, the magnificent Henley Regatta Award, Wimbledon's lawn tennis cups like the Wightman Cup, and big prizes of golf, the Curtis Cup and Ryder Cup. I understand they are all in this country although held by overseas competitors. An international football "Cap" or two would have been added attractions.

RIDICULOUSLY SMALL

A bronzed Michael Cowdrey, only 24-hours back from the cricket tour of the West Indies, opened the Exhibition and recalled that the National Association of Boys' Clubs have over 2,000 clubs in membership, and over 170,000 individual members. The talented Kent and England batsman remarked jokingly that the 'Ashes Urn' "for which we sweat and strain our hearts out, is ridiculously small compared with the massive trophies for darts, for fishing, and the cup for the Boxers v Jockeys football match which I understand is always preceded by a champagne lunch."

Gordon Pirie, not to be outdone said he had discovered that his trophy from the BBC was not silver at all — only nickel.

Cowdrey was introduced to the assembly by Lord Aberdare, President of the NABC, better remembered as the Hon C.N. Bruce, Middlesex cricketer and outstanding squash rackets Champion.

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Professional boxers can play in amateur golf championships; professional cricketers are welcome in amateur football. Yet, evidently, a professional cricket umpire is not admitted in amateur boxing.

Mr Leon Witton, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, is a committee member and publicity officer of Morris Commercial Amateur Boxing Club. That organisation has just realised that Mr Witton receives fees for umpiring in the Birmingham Cricket League and the Birmingham Parks Association. They have told him his amateur boxing status is at stake.

Seems silly to me. Bombardier Billy Wells when he was British professional Heavyweight Boxing Champion competed with some success in the British Amateur Gold Championship. Kent professional cricketer Leslie Todd has for long been connected with that most amateur of football clubs Dulwich Hamlet. And only this past week the select Corinthian-Casuals flew Mike Stewart home from the West Indies to play in the Amateur Cup Final replay, and he is a professional cricketer with Surrey. There are dozens of similar cases.

FEW INSTANCES

Boxing, golf, cricket, football. Those are but a few instances of interchange in these sports. Yet amateur boxing is now quibbling at cricket umpiring. The Morris Commercial Club—and its name is truly indicative that it is connected with a profit-earning works—put the case of Mr Witton before the Midland Counties Amateur Boxing Association on their own initiative, after the question had been raised at their committee meeting. The reply was: "If Mr Witton receives a fee for umpiring he is not eligible to serve on your committee; if he receives [illegible] only he is eligible."

Mr Witton [illegible] he gets 15/- per match as a Second Division Birmingham League umpire and 7/6d. from the Parks Association. Are these expenses or very frugal fees? The League Secretary says: "We always look upon these fees as payment for services." The Parks' Association Secretary says: "We award a fee and it covers expenses. We thus set a limit whatever their expenses. Some refuse it." Both organisations have rules which state: "An umpire shall be paid a sum of....etc."

Mr Witton said to me "I certainly do not umpire for personal gain. Sometimes the money barely covers expenses and when I lose time at my work I am out of pocket. The ABA ruling is a great shock to me and very distasteful. I never thought such a position could exist. I have had ten years umpiring and four years on the boxing committee. I would like to continue in both."

Now here is another ludicrous element in the story. A well-known amateur county cricketer who earns his living directly as a result of being a well known amateur county cricketer is a vice-president of one of the amateur boxing clubs in the Midlands Counties Association!!!

Spanish Football Team Cancels Visit To H.K.

The Hongkong Football Association announced yesterday that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Spanish football team, FC Langreano De Sama, have cancelled their visit to Hongkong.

In view of this cancellation, the Stanley Shield seven-a-side Knock-out Tournament which was scheduled for May 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19, has been brought forward and will now be played on May 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

Earl Haig Boxing Tourney Card

The final card for the Earl Haig Boxing Tournament at Marpherson Stadium on April 27 is as follows:

1. Schoolboy: Danny Hooley v. Michael Hutchinson.
2. Light Welter: Bdr. Parks (Army) v. AB Colclough (R. Navy).
3. Feather: LAC Duff (RAF) v. Wong Pack-ling (China Gym).
4. Light: L/Cpl. Meigh (Army) v. Cfn. Gordon (Army).
5. Light Heavy: Gnr. Perrin (Army) v. LAC O'Connell (RAF).
6. Light Middle: L/Bdr. Dickenson (Army) v. Cfn. Ding (Army).
7. Banlam: Speedy Morales (China Gym) v. AB Edwards (R. Navy).
8. Light Welter: Cpl. Bruce (Army) v. Cfn. Williams (Army).
9. Middle: Sgt. Fawcett (Army) v. L/S. Finch (R. Navy).
10. Bantam: LAC Nevin (RAF) v. Fong Ke-keng (China Gym).
11. Feather: L/Bdr. McIver (Army) v. Pte. Scott (Army).
12. Light Welter: Cfn. Legerton (Army) v. Pte. Rogers (Army).
13. Light: Gnr. McGrath (Army) v. AB Wong (R. Navy).

ELIMINATORS NOT FOR ME...

RANDOLPH TURPIN WANTS TO STEP RIGHT INTO A TITLE FIGHT

By GEORGE WHITING

Randolph Turpin, back in big fight circulation by means of a sixth-round victory over Italy's Alessandro d'Ottavio, is being offered at least three more appearances in the Midlands—but it may be as well to record Turpin's own forthright views before anybody begins to talk about Championship chances.

"I am not trying to be big," Turpin told me. "But if they want to start any Championship eliminators, they can count me out.

"I have had to give up two British titles for which I was never beaten in the ring. Naturally, I want that Cruiserweight Championship back, but I think I am entitled to step straight into a title fight when the time comes. Eliminators are out."

Overweight matches? Those are different, and Turpin tells me he will take them as they come. Subject to terms, Turpin's "revivalist" mission is planned to continue against Albert Finch—with whom he shared verdicts in his Middleweight days—at Birmingham on May 8.

For May 28 he is being offered a fight on the Cockell-Gardner Heavyweight title programme at Leicester. Then there are contracts waiting to be signed for an overweight meeting with the reigning Champion Ron Barton at Perry Barr, Birmingham, on July 16.

QUITE A FIGHT

Barton (who shared two decisions after 20 rounds with d'Ottavio) v. Turpin (who now stops the fruit merchant in six rounds) could be quite a fight and everybody hereabouts seems determined that none shall be left unimpressed by its possibilities.

Said Turpin: "I never made a boast in my life, but believe me, Barton is the very least of my worries." Said d'Ottavio: "Turpin was strong for two rounds, but no more. Barton will beat him."

Said Arthur Boggis, Barton's manager: "Once it looked a good thing for Barton, but now I'm not so sure. There is still a touch of class about Turpin. Only a fool would underestimate him."

Promoter Alex Griffiths: "So far as my customers are concerned, Barton v Turpin would be a Championship fight. I shall sell out in a week if I get their signatures."

So much for the problematic future. As for the immediate past, Turpin offered me a fair and remarkably frank assessment of his showing against d'Ottavio. "I felt relaxed, but d'Ottavio knows the game and my timing obviously needs sharpening up. The right kind of sparring partners are hard to come by. If I hit them, they disappear next day.

"I was afraid to let my right hand go against d'Ottavio in case I missed and went off balance. So I only fired one. For the rest I just made do with a few left jabs."

In a neighbouring dressing-room, d'Ottavio was having two stitches inserted in an inch-long cut on his left eye-lid—and screaming blue murder against the unkind fate that had induced referee Fred Blakeborough to stop the fight after six moderately entertaining rounds.

VOLUBLE COMPLAINT

The burden of the Signor's voluble complaint, I gathered, was that he had come here to fight; that savaged eyes were no more than an occupational risk; that solicitous referees were a pain in the neck; that Turpin had made too free with his head, and that he, Alessandro d'Ottavio, would assuredly have won had not everybody become scared by the sight of a little blood—his blood.

In this last surmise, I suggest that Signor d'Ottavio was rather optimistic. At least, he had offered no suggestion in six rounds' boxing that he had any hidden reserves with which to disconcert a Turpin moving well within his compass.

Shuffling like a soft-shoe dancer and buttressed behind a web of weaving arms, d'Ottavio unleashed occasional ambitious swings—but they described such widening circles that Turpin was only once hard put to it to step out of range.

My one small criticism of the contemporary Turpin is that he might have turned his attentions to his opponent's midriff a little earlier. D'Ottavio had come in 4lb overweight at 13st against Turpin's 12st. 6lb.

As it was, the oft-criticised Turpin landed in no trouble at all. Had he lost we should have written him off. But he won—so let us not withhold our felicitations and our welcome. He is certainly not the destroyer of old—but we are not so well off in boxing that we can afford to ignore the possibilities of his still considerable talents.

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SOCCER MANAGING IS...

The Most Hazardous, Insecure Occupation In Any Sport

Behind the scenes the football managing world is in a ferment. The resignation of Cliff Britton at Everton and the sudden departure of Alec Stock from Arsenal back to Leyton Orient. The sacking of assistant manager Jimmy Bain after 27 years at Brentford and the decision of Yorkshire and England cricketer Willie Watson to give up the Halifax FC post. The termination of agreements between Louis Page and Chester and Jack Bruton and Bournemouth.

Here are just half a dozen instances of the melting pot. There are another half a dozen similar cases yet to come to light. My guess is that at least that number of managers will have moved before next season opens.

The Seeds, Busbys and Cullises are the exceptions to prove the rule. A London manager told me. "This is the most hazardous, insecure occupation in any sport. I have been with my club only this season and have hardly had time to look round. Yet I know my directors are not satisfied. I am still in lodgings because it does not seem safe to settle into a house. The Board are good businessmen, but they will not let one who is supposed to know something about football have his head. It makes me wonder why they engaged me."

IN FULL CONTROL

Another manager told me: "We are supposed to be the 'bosses'. There are not half a dozen of us in full control. If things go right the directors take the credit; if they go wrong we get the sack!"

One of the few managers long in office at his present job is Eric Taylor, of Sheffield Wednesday, and he is secretary too. Wednesday clinched promotion with a point at West Ham, and Mr Taylor said: "Our ambition is to stop the club's continuous see-saw between First and Second Division. This is our third promotion season since the war, and we are determined that it will be our last, if you know what I mean. No more relegation for us. And I think for the first time since the war we have a good, young team to keep us up."

Staying at the same hotel as triumphant Sheffield were down-in-the-dumps Aston Villa. "We are going to have our biggest clear out ever," a director told me. "But we have been unfortunate in that after having spent over £60,000 in an attempt to stay up we lost our key man Jackie Sewell. He cost us £26,000 and played only three matches."

WORLD FLYWEIGHT TITLE

Pascual Perez Agrees To Fight PI's Danny Kid

Buenos Aires, Apr. 23.

Argentine World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez said tonight that he would fight Danny Kid of the Philippines with his title at stake, in San Francisco at a date to be fixed later.

In an interview with Agence-France-Presse, Perez said he would leave Argentina shortly on a tour of central American countries.

It was learned here that Perez's manager Lazaro Koci last night received a cable from Lopez Serail, manager of Danny Kid, giving a provisional agreement for a Kid-Perez title fight in San Francisco in June.

It was understood that Koci would await a letter from Serail before replying.—France-Presse.

Florence Tennis Tourney First Round Results

Florence, Italy, Apr. 23.

The annual International Florence Tennis Tournament got underway today, and first-round results included:

Jan Vermaak (South Africa) beat Arthur Marshall (Australia) 6-0, 6-0.

Antonio Maggi (Italy) beat Bruce Francis (Australia) 6-1, 6-0.

Keith Hawton (Australia) beat Sergio Migone (Italy) 11-0, 8-0, 7-5.—United Press.

JUNIOR IGNORES HIS DAD

Baby Terence isn't old enough at three months to appreciate that a potential Lightheavyweight Boxing Champion is passing by — in the person of his father, Terence Murphy. Terence Junior is held by his mother, Mrs Rita Murphy, as Terence Senior jogs past their home in Canning Town, East London, in his daily roadwork exercise.—Reuterphoto.

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GRIEG'S TOWN OPENS ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN MAY

Oslo, Apr. 23.

Bergen, the small but busy West Norway port, famous in history for its Viking kings, its Hansa Merchants, its many churches and its great citizen, the composer Evard Grieg, has now established its annual Festival among the well-known European Festivals of music and drama.

The two-week Festival, which opens its fourth season on May 25 this year, is no longer an experiment. Now it is a publicity effort. It is a well-established event to which music lovers and visitors travel from all over the world.

Intimate Concerts

The first Bergen Festival, in June 1953, was dedicated exclusively to Norwegian music, and was centred around Grieg's old home, "Troldhaugen," just half an hour's drive outside the town. This two-storey wooden house in late 19th century style is now preserved just as it was in Grieg's day and kept as a Grieg Museum.

The most intimate concert of songs, piano and violin was held at Troldhaugen in 1953 and was such a success that they now form an important part of the annual Festival. Every day at midday from May 26 to June 7 the specially built concert hall in the centre of Bergen. Or take concert goers and sightseers out to Grieg's home through the picturesque lake and mountain countryside which so obviously inspired much of the great Norwegian composer's music.

But the Bergen Festival is no longer devoted only to Norwegian music and Norwegian musicians. Mozart, Prokofieff, Sibelius, Beethoven, Brahms, Richard Strauss, Delius, Benjamin Britten and Vaughan Williams are among the best-known composers whose works figure on the programmes of the orchestral and chamber music concerts.

A Highlight

The British Broadcasting Corporation's Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent, and the famous violinist David Ostrakh are among the visiting musicians, as well as the Icelandic choir, "Karlakor Reykjavikur", which will give a big choral programme in Bergen Cathedral on May 27.

A highlight of the Festival, from the musical connoisseur's point of view will be the first performance of a new work by the Norwegian composer, Geirr Tveitt. It is a concerto for orchestra and that unique Norwegian instrument the Hardanger Fiddle. This eight-stringed violin has been used in Norwegian folk music since the 16th century, but has never before figured as solo instrument in an orchestral concerto. Forty-eight-year-old Geirr Tveitt achieved great success at the Bergen Festival last year with another composition, "Femtan Fjellstev", based on folk music.

The drama side of the Festival this year will in the first instance be represented by the Bergen-born 18th century dramatist, Ludvig Holberg. At the National Theatre, in the centre of Bergen, visitors will see one of Norway's best known comedy actors, Per Aabel, in "Jean de France", a satire in the Moliere style about a Scandinavian with an exaggerated worship of France and all things French.

Daily Folklore

During the last four days of the Festival, the company from the National Theatre in Oslo will visit Bergen to present another comedy, by the 19th century dramatist, poet and novelist, Bjornstjerne Bjornson.

Another important feature of this year's Festival will be the daily Folklore programmes held in the open air in the spacious Nygard Park. Here, there will be performances of all kinds of Norwegian folk dancing and music, colourful processions, a bridal party in traditional national costumes, and a folklore ballet. Here, too, will be heard a visiting group of Scottish bagpipers, the City of Edinburgh Police Pipe Band, who will both play and dance traditional Scottish reels.

Another group of visitors are Russian folk dancers and musicians who will present a Russian, Caucasian and Ukrainian programme.

In the evenings there will also be lighter music and public dancing with Norwegian and Swedish dance bands.

Rebate

The Bergen Festival is by no means an exclusive affair for the well-to-do. In fact, as is typical of democratic Norway, every effort is made to fix prices within the reach of the average man without in any way lowering the quality of the performances offered.

The Norwegian State Railways and local coach and coastal steamer services are also offering a rebate of 25 per cent on fares to and from Bergen in the period May 22 to June 10—provided that passengers can show at least one ticket booked for one or more of the Festival events.—China Mail Special.

Grace Kelly Becomes Princess Gracia

Actress Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco sit in the throne room of the prince's palace Wednesday as they become man and wife in a civil ceremony. Grace, now Her Serene Highness Princess Gracia of Monaco, has a total of 138 titles,—four fewer than Rainier. —Express Photo.

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UNIVERSITY DISCARDS GOWN

Auckland, Apr. 23.

The professorial board of Auckland University College is not in favour of either staff or students wearing gowns.

Giving its opinion on the desirability of gowns being reinstated, the board said that the Auckland climate was often too warm for gowns and buying them would cause financial difficulties for most students and would mean an attempt to force on the college an artificial tradition.—China Mail Special.

Too Many Children For Schools In Sierra Leone

Freetown, Apr. 23.

So many children want to go to school in Sierra Leone that the Department of Education is having drastically to revise its development plans.

In the meantime, at the beginning of each school term, teachers are approached by anxious parents with gifts of a chicken, or money, to help young Tommy get a place.

At the moment, there are 40,000 children in primary and secondary schools in the country, or about ten per cent of the total who would go to school if education was compulsory.

Rapid expansion of educational facilities is impossible, however, partly owing to the lack of finance for building and partly owing to the difficulty of training sufficient teachers.

SEEMS ESSENTIAL

Freetown has the biggest problem of all because people from the country, attracted by the amenities of a big town, are settling here in increasing numbers and the school population is growing every day. New buildings are being put up—over the whole country it is hoped to erect 50 schools a year although this level has not been maintained over the past two years—but they never keep pace with demand.

To illiterate mothers and fathers, it seems essential that at least one boy in the family should be able to read and write.

In the big towns, if there are places in the elementary schools, it may only mean the expenditure of £1 a year on books by parents. To go to a private school may cost only another £2 a year.

But in the country, the schools are few and far between, and although children walk as much as five miles each way from their home to school, along bush tracks, many of them have to become boarders, which means more expense.

A total expenditure of about £6 a year means a lot to a farming family whose cash income may not exceed £30 a year. Relatives are often asked for financial help. In addition, many of the schools are supported by Protestant or Catholic churches, and by American and British missions, and can look after promising scholars.

IN MUD HUTS

All this means that existing schools throughout the country are bursting at the seams. Small schools, administered by the Native Authorities, in which the Chief and a committee take responsibility for local affairs, are in many cases taking up to 60 pupils for each teacher.

Often, these schools are in mud huts, or apart from the rainy season, under a nearby tree. The teachers themselves have perhaps only just finished secondary school and may not even have passed their final examinations.

But the important thing is that they are prepared to teach. The children, who are brought up speaking their native language, are given only a minimum of instruction in it. After that, at the age of about seven, they start to learn English and instruction is then given in that language.

The African child, therefore, starts with a handicap, but because of the limited areas which the local languages cover, there is no other solution.

In addition, English is the accepted method of communication in British West African territories with, between them, about 50,000,000 people.

HIGH PERCENTAGE

As the numbers in the primary schools increase, so does the demand for secondary education. At present, there are only 23 secondary schools in Sierra Leone, with about 4,500 pupils. An entrance examination keeps the numbers down but one of the big problems facing the authorities is the heavy wastage of pupils before they reach the final examination standard.

A high percentage have to leave school because their parent or guardian dies and there is no one to pay the comparatively low school fees. Of those who do sit for their final examination, a pass list of about 50 per cent is considered reasonable.

University education in Sierra Leone is at Fourah Bay College, founded by the Church Missionary Society in 1827, and students sit for Arts and Commercial degrees as well as taking teacher training and other general courses.

In the general expansion of education, the technical side has not been forgotten and the recently started Technical Institute in Freetown now trains carpenters, brick-layers, blacksmiths, typists and radio engineers among many others.

Before the Technical Institute was opened, the craft trades were either passed on from father to son or learnt by trial and error. But it is not unusual to see a sign-board outside the shop of a tailor or shoe-repairer which has underneath the name "Trained in HM Prisons." This is still considered a guarantee of a high standard of workmanship.

IMPROVE QUALITY

In addition to other problems, the Department of Education has to handle social and moral welfare. There are small remand and approved schools but a positive attempt is being made to get the wayward children into reasonable jobs.

Employers in Sierra Leone say that they cannot find enough well-educated youngsters. To meet this complaint, the Education authorities are trying to improve quality, possibly at the expense of quantity. In a country with not a lot of money and a big demand for education, this is going to prove difficult.—China Mail Special.

Moroccan Shootings

Rabat, Apr. 23.

A Moroccan member of the Istiqlal Party was shot dead last night with a revolver in the Arab quarter of Foz at Bab Guisan, it was reported here today.

In other attacks on individuals yesterday, a Moroccan inspector was seriously wounded in the Arab quarter of Port Lyautey by Moroccans who fled in a car.

At Meknes, a lorry driver was attacked and severely wounded by two Moroccans.—France Presse.

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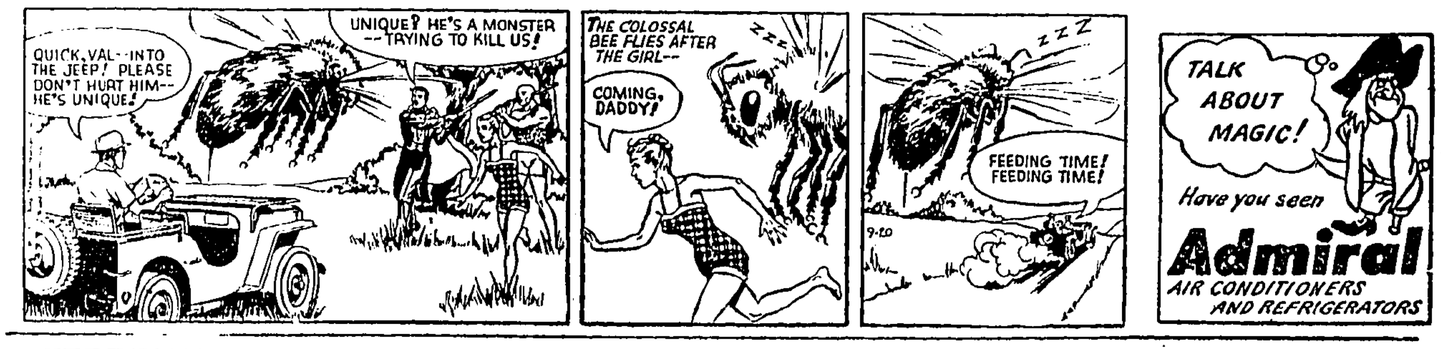

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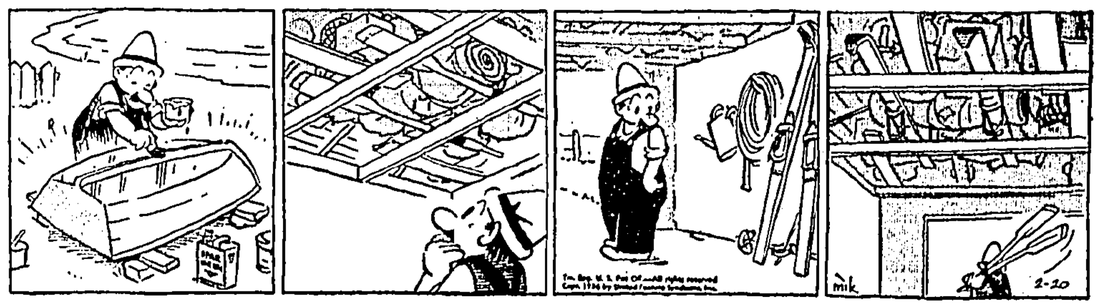

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MAIN FAILING OF BRITISH CHANCELLOR'S 1ST BUDGET

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 23.

Mr Macmillan's first budget caused surprisingly little stir—not only that it had to share public interest with the other absorbing event in Monte Carlo, but because it fell short of what most people believed a budget should be.

Where the public expected drama Mr Macmillan gave them anticlimax. Even financial commentators were at a loss of what to make of it. The Economist whose probings penetrate most looked in vain for its driving force. "Shake this budget how you will," it said, "the dynamo is not there."

However, the central theme of the budget is plain. It was, as the Chancellor stressed, a savings budget.

Savings

If Britain is to increase her investments in productive capacity and rebuild a surplus in her balance of payments she must refrain from all unnecessary consumption. By spending less and saving more pressure of demand is eased, prices remain stable, wages rise less slowly and in line with increases in productivity and the economy moves ahead in top gear instead of racing along in third.

That is the reasoning. What is the reality?

The first point to make is that saving does not only mean putting money in the bank or under the mattress. From an economic standpoint anything that is left over at the end of the year after deducting the total consumption from the total incomes is saved. And that includes the difference in what the Government collects in taxes and what it spends on the business of government.

This year Mr Macmillan has budgeted for an exceptionally large surplus of Government revenue over expenditure—£460 million against an estimated surplus of £148 million and an actual one of £397 million in the last financial year.

That £460 million represents public savings. And Mr Macmillan means to add to it by cuts in Government expenditure of "not less than £100 million" in the current year.

Impressive though these figures sound they would probably not be large enough to ensure stability of prices that everyone desires. So Mr Macmillan made several proposals to encourage still more saving.

Most Attention

There are to be new issues of national savings certificates and defence bonds bearing a higher rate of interest. And people who make provision for a retirement pension are to get a bigger tax free allowance on the premiums.

But the measure which attracted most attention was Mr Macmillan plans to introduce premium bonds—Britain's first hesitant venture into the field of public lotteries.

The idea is a simple one. The bonds cost £1 each and they can be bought up to a limit to be announced later. They will bear no interest but every three months all the bonds which have been held for a stipulated length of time will "go into the hat" and the lucky numbers will receive prices of up to £1,000. The essential difference between this and the more conventional type of lottery is that the original stake money is not lost. The rest of the budget was of comparatively minor significance. The tobacco tax was raised; the bread subsidy is to be abolished; the tax on both distributed and undistributed profits goes up (this last is the strange contradiction to the theme of the "savings budget").

Why then has Mr Macmillan's budget earned on the whole more criticism than applause?

Obvious Target

It is because so much of it relates to the future; there is very little that is concrete, here and now.

The most obvious target for cynical comment was the Chancellor's promise to cut Government spending by at least £100 million. Taxpayers have grown used to such promises. They go on hoping — though without much conviction—that one day the promise will be kept. Perhaps this time they will not be disappointed.

The proposals to encourage savings comes into the same category; they are hopes rather than realities.

The only one of the measures that is likely to make any significant additions to savings is the decision to increase the taxation allowances for people who provide for their own pension. The premium bonds will undoubtedly appeal to the gambling instinct in all men, but they will not achieve their purpose if money is invested in them at the cost of running down other forms of saving.

Hardly Worth It

But the most widely heard criticism of the budget is that it concentrates on the virtue of saving to the exclusion of all else—even of provision for incentives to earn more from which to save.

One of the fundamental distortions in the British economy is that high taxation discourages people from making the most of their talents. Beyond a certain salary it is hardly worth a man's trouble to increase his earnings. The professional classes, managers and small businessmen are held down by the dead hand of taxation. Those who can, augment their standard of living at the tax collector's expense. Few are able to save.

Mr Macmillan was expected to do something to remedy this. It was predicted that he would raise the limit beyond which salaries are subject to a heavy surtax and make the children's allowance against income tax dependent on income.

Not Inspiring

These two measures would have done much to relieve the "depressed middle class." Constantly rising prices have meant that surtax is no longer a tax on the rich but a tax on incentive. And the present flat rate children's allowance bear especially hard on those who pay for their children's education and do so at the cost of forgoing luxuries taken for granted by less well paid folk.

Mr Macmillan did nothing to encourage these people to save. But worse than that he did nothing to inspire them to work harder—and remembering that these are the people upon whom the nation relies for leadership in every field of economic activity—that was the main failing of the budget.—London Express Service.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Apr. 23.

The No. 4 world sugar futures closed today 1 to 7 points higher with sales of 232 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 21 contracts.

Strength in the world contract reflected the higher raw market, and Havana reports that the Cuban Sugar Institute last week sold 125,000 tons of raws to various dealers at 3.28 to 3.31 cents a pound, fob.

Other reports said Russia exercised an option to buy 10,000 tons of raws in addition to its large purchases earlier in the season from Cuba.

Dealers also understood the Institute has recommended the release to the "free" market of 150,000 tons from its retained stock.

Market experts said these moves, coupled with previous sales, will exhaust Institute reserve stocks from this year's crop. The Institue still has segregated sugars from other crops. These developments reflect the substantial demand for raws in the world market so far this season. The domestic raw market was quiet.

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July	5.01
Sept.	5.02
Nov.	5.02
Spot-(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.55

—United Press.

Rails Make Best Showing On Wall Street

New York, Apr. 23.

The stock market was moderately active today.

Rails as a group made the best showing, gained 1.56 in their average to a new high since Oct. 17, 1929. Gains ranged to 3 points in Union Pacific, 5 in Norfolk & Western, a point or so in Baltimore & Ohio, Delaware & Hudson, Louisville & Nasville, New York Central.

Aluminium stocks and selected chemicals featured in the Industrials. Union Carbide added nearly 2, Dow and American Cyanamid, however, lost around a point each.

Among aluminium shares, Reynolds soared more than 5, and Aluminium Company nearly three. Alco, however, closed fractionally lower after being up more than 2 points in early dealings.

A number of special issues gained sharply, including Bendix Aviation, Climax Molybdenum, Jefferson Lake Sulphur, National Sulphur, Owens-Illinois Glass, all up 2 to 3 points.

Out of the total 1,208 issues traded, however, 498 were higher.

In steels, Jones & Laughin rose more than a point but Armco and Crucible lost around 1 each. US. Steel was down fractionally and Bethlehem unchanged on the day.

Chrysler lost nearly a point on the day in the motors.

Turnover of 2,440,000 shares for the day compared with 2,320,000 on Friday.

New York Exchange bond volume was $4,010,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,240,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	507.20
20 rails	175.50
15 utilities	65.43
65 stocks	180.07
40 bonds	96.88
Comm. future price index	155.72

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Allied Chemicals	125
Allied Mills Inc.	35¾
Allis Chalmers	67
American Airline	24
American Cable & Radio Corp.	6⅞
American Cyanamide Co.	74⅞
Am. Mach. & F dry.	30⅛
American Metal	64
American Smelting	54⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	97
American Tel & Tel.	180⅞
American Tob. "B"	81¼
Anaconda Copper	77⅝
Armco Steel	60⅞
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Kansas C. Power & Light	36⅞
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Radio Corporation	46⅞
Republic Steel	49
Reynolds Metal	79⅞
Shell Oil Co.	70¼
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Southern National Gas	35⅞
Southern Railway (Com.)	118⅞
Standard Brands	42
Standard Oil of Cal.	104⅞
Standard Oil of Ind.	60⅞
Standard Oil of N.J.	58⅞
Sterling Drug Co.	56⅞
Stokely-Van. Camp.	18⅞
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	8⅞
Swift & Co.	46
Texas Co.	131
Tide Water Assn. Oil	45⅞
Twenty Century Fox Film	28⅞
Union Carbide	127⅞
Union Pacific Railway	108
United Aircraft	68⅞
U.S. Gypsum	68⅞
U.S. Line Co.	27
U.S. Rubber	55⅞
U.S. Smelting	60
U.S. Steel	61⅞
Warner Bros.	21
Washinghouse Electric	56⅞
West Va. Pulp & Paper	59
Woolworth	49½

—United Press.

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Apr. 23.

Cotton futures today moved irregularly in quiet dealings but managed to show small gains most of the time.

Closing on a brisk rally the list finished 1 point lower on May and 1 to 24 points higher on other deliveries. The market opened unchanged to up 4 points. New Orleans closed up 4 to 21 points.

Buyers and sellers both followed a cautious policy pending developments in the government export programme for raw cotton, and first notice day for the May delivery tomorrow.

Meantime operations were mostly professional. Mill accounts, shippers, spot firms and local traders engaged in routine market adjustments pending a clearer view of overhanging uncertainties.

The July contract held relatively firm on covering by some of last week's sellers and reports that none of the cotton obtained from the Government surplus will be available for delivery on that contract.

First bids for purchases of cotton out of the Government stock will be submitted on Tuesday, with some news on acceptances expected later in the week.

Open May contracts at the start of trading today totalled 183,300 bales. The certificated stock declined 261 bales to 10,000 bales.

Crop accounts to a leading spot firm said weather conditions over the entire southeast have been very unfavourable because of heavy rains, high winds and below normal temperatures. Estimates were that on an average about 50 per cent of the area will have to be replanted.

Memphis reported recent weather as too cold for seed germination and that a small percentage which started to break-through will have to be replanted.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
May	22,700	188,300
July	24,700	293,500
Oct	17,300	322,000
Dec	18,700	419,300
Mar.	18,800	100,800
May	13,000	122,100
July	1,900	100,900
Oct.	700	4,300
Total	118,400	1,511,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	36.80n
May	35.77
July	33.67
October	32.19-30
December	32.38
March	32.50-53
May	32.37
July	31.70
October	30.93

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.40
May	35.83
July	33.10
October	32.26-27
December	32.35
March	32.50-51
May	32.48-49
July	31.78
October	30.95

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. as follows:

Old contract	May/June	25.10
	July/Aug.	24.40
New contract	May/June	29.10
	July/Aug.	26.30
	Oct./Nov.	25.20
	Dec./Jan.	25.05

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	30.70
July	31.60
Oct.	33.70
Dec.	33.70
Mar.	33.70

In the United States the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 35.35 cents. Sales totalled 8,225 bales.—United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Apr. 23.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures closed today 15 to 44 points lower with sales of 88 contracts.

The standard contract closed 25 to 44 points lower with sales of 11 contracts.

Prices drifted lower in company with the London market while traders awaited the domestic consumption report.

In the shipment market, agents reported fair-sized offerings of sheets and remills again found buyers indifferent.

Factory interest locally continued conspicuous by its absence. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted nominally 31½ cents a pound.

Contract No. 1 Rss

May	31.30
July	31.25
Sept.	30.67
Dec.	30.27

Standard contract

May	31.21
July	31.10
Sept.	30.45
Dec.	30.75
Mar.	29.00
May	28.25

AMSTERDAM

The market was quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif May, as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.60 done
No. 2 rubber	2.59 buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.58 buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.96 buyers

SINGAPORE

After being slightly steadier at the opening the market sagged on lack of interest towards the close. There was slightly better enquiry during the day, particularly for low grade. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	May	91⅞-92
	June	92⅛-92⅜
	July	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	May	90⅛-90⅜
No. 3	"	88⅛-80⅛
No. 4	"	90-88⅛
Spot rubber unbaled		91⅞-92
Blanket crepe		86⅞-87⅞
No. 1 pale crepe		110-112

LONDON

The market was quiet with spot unchanged at 27-7/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	27⅜-27½
Settlement house terms:	
May	27⅜-27⅝
June	27-27⅛
July/Sept.	26⅞-26⅞
Oct./Dec.	26⅛-26⅜
Jan./Mar.	25⅞-25⅞
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
April	26⅞-26⅞
May	26⅛-26⅞
June	25⅞-26⅛
Estate crepe thin May	31⅛
Estate crepe thick	32⅛

—United Press.

FORD MOTOR EARNINGS

Detroit, Apr. 23.

Ford Motor Company earnings of $73,700,000 on the first quarter of 1956 are second only to record earnings of $102,600,000 recorded in the first three months of 1955, Ford said.

Henry Ford II, company President, said a decline in sales which was felt throughout the auto industry was the chief reason for the difference.

Consolidated net sales for the period were $1,203,100,000, the Company said, 14.7 per cent below the 1955 record first-quarter.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $460,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1675	1685	41 @ 1680
			3 @ 1680
East Asia	220		
INSURANCES			
Union	990	1005	2 @ 992½
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf XD	77	77½	100 @ 77
Dock	36.75	37½	
Provident (Old)	13.70		
Wheelock	6.70	6.80	5000 @ 6.80
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	13.90	14.10	300 @ 14
HK Land	62½	63	400 @ 62½
Humphreys		17½	
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	1.47½		1000 @ 1.50
			5000 @ 1.50
UTILITIES			
Tram	22½	22.70	700 @ 22.80
			1000 @ 22.70
Star Ferry	101		
Y'mati Ferry	103	104	200 @ 104
			60 @ 103
C. Light (O) XD	22.40	22.80	300 @ 22.80
C. Light (N) XD	19.90	20	1200 @ 20
			1000 @ 19.90
			1000 @ 20
Electric		31	500 @ 30.75
			500 @ 30.50
" Bonus			47 @ 29.80
			47 @ 29.60
			71 @ 29.70
" Rts.			143 @ 20
			142 @ 19.90
Macao Elec	8.70		
Telephone		23½	
" Rts			1210 @ 12.20
			1635 @ 12.30
			1000 @ 12.20
			200 @ 12.10
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	34	34½	1000 @ 34½
Metal Indust	1.75	1.80	300 @ 1.75
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD	16.30	16½	300 @ 16½
Watson	11	11.20	
COTTONS			
Textiles	5.40	5.60	
Nanyang		7.85	1600 @ 7.80
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6.50	6.70	
H.K. & F.E. Invest		11.30	1000 @ 11
			200 @ 11.10

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Apr. 24.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.02
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	47/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	27/6d
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.68
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref	$5.70
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$880
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.82
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	0.77
Malayan Breweries	$3.20
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.72
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$3.55
Raffles Hotel	$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.45
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$26.50*
Straits Trading	$25.25
Straits Steamship	$11.90
United Engineers Ord.	$7.80
Wearne Bros.	$2.77

* xd.—China Mail Special.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Apr. 23.

The tin market was steady but quiet. Other metals were firm. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	buyers	sellers
Spot tin	760	761
3-month	758½	759
Spot copper	374	375
3-month	366½	367
Lead 2nd half Apr.	113¾	114¼
July	113	113½
Zinc 2nd half Apr.	96¼	96¾
July	96¾	97¼

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 23.

New York	2.80⅞-2.80-15/16
Montreal	2.79-11/16-2.79¾
Amsterdam	10.64⅜-10.64⅞
Brussels	139.70-139.75
Copenhagen	19.39⅞-19.36⅞
Frankfurt	11.73⅜-11.73⅞
Lisbon	80.25-80.30
Paris	985⅛-985⅞
Stockholm	14.55⅜-14.55⅞
Zurich	12.27-12.27⅛

—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Apr. 23.

Canada	$100-7/16
England official	2.80-15/16
" 90-day futures	2.79-3/32
Australia	2.24⅞
New Zealand	2.80
South Africa	2.81-15/16
Belgium	.0200
Holland	.2486

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.84
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.80
Australian notes (per £1)	12.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	19.70
Siam tical (per 100)	20.30
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

OIL SHARES PACE LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 23.

Led by oil shares, stocks pushed ahead with vigour in heavy trading on the London Exchange today. Turnover was 14,005 bargains, highest since last September.

British Petroleum was up ten shillings at one point and closed about nine higher, while Royal Dutch added nearly £1. Other oils tacked on between two and three shillings in active dealings.

Leading industrials opened firm and moved ahead during the morning. But profit-taking nippe the gains late in the day. Rolls-Royce was a feature, closing two shillings higher.

Drifted

Gold shares came in for interest on news of a big gold discovery in Africa. Free State Geduld, Western Holdings and Blinkport paced the advances in their section.

British Government stocks failed to attract support and drifted aimlessly. War Loan eased about £¼, and a few others lost as much as £3/16.

German bonds showed a few gains in a relatively calm foreign section, while Japanese were quiet and virtually unchanged.

Copper shares were quiet through most of the session, and dollar stocks tended higher in adjusting to Wall Street's Friday's levels.—United Press.

Aluminium Co's New Plant

Pittsburgh, Apr. 23.

The Aluminium Company of America is to construct a $45 million plant at Point Comfort, Texas, for the production of alumina.

The new plant will produce over 500,000 tons of alumina annually for ALCOA's primary aluminium smelters at Point Comfort and Rockdale, Texas.

Production is expected to start in early 1958 and present expectations are that the initial capacity will be doubled by 1965.

The company will also build at Point Comfort a $3,000,000 ore unloading dock, rights-of-way for railroads, a public highway to the dock area and a navigation channel—to accommodate 25,000-ton bauxite-laden vessels—from the plant site to the Gulf of Mexico.—China Mail Special.

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Road To The Isles

THE narrow corridor outside the main courtroom at Bow Street was thick with blue smoke from cigarettes the morning's prisoners were pulling at nervously, smoking without pleasure to steady their nerves.

The prisoners lined one wall of the corridor—prostitutes next, then drunks, then barrow-boys and street photographers, then those charged with more serious crimes. The age-old order of precedence.

The door from the courtroom swung open and William's name was called. From a queue an old, stooped man, moved uncertainly forward.

'NOT GUILTY'

WILLIAM'S features are a little like an Einstein or a Paderewski. He has the broad forehead, the fine temples and sweeping grey mane of hair they had.

But hardship has drawn deep lines in his face, and he stoops as though he felt the weight of his 69 years very heavy on his back, though most men these days shoulder that load lightly enough.

"Were you drunk last night?" the learned clerk asked William.

"No, I was not," he said. His voice was soft, his tone firm.

"I found him staggering about Greek Street at 12.30 this morning," a policeman said.

THREE OPERATIONS

"WHAT do you want to say?" the chief magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, asked William.

William seemed to have ready a prepared speech. He said: "My home is in the Channel Islands. Until a few years ago I was for many years manager of the electricity undertaking in (he named a South Coast resort).

"Just recently I've had three operations for duodenal ulcers. Since the last of those I've searched the country, literally searched the country, for work.

"At 69 it seems almost hopeless trying to get a post. But if I could get back to the Channel Islands, I know I could get a post straight away. I was wondering if you could help me back there.

I CAN WALK

"I CAN walk to Southampton. I've done that often enough—but do you think you could help me across the water to the Channel Islands? You see, I've no relations at all to help me across that stretch of water from Southampton. . . ."

Until William made his speech, the court had been trying him on a drunk charge, but now it seemed to be he that was trying the court, testing the extent of its kindliness.

Perhaps his drinking on the night before had been a matter of expedience, a plan to give him just what the dock now provided, a platform from which to appeal.

Perhaps drink was what had come between him and the solid assurance of managing an electricity undertaking. Possibly the ulcers did that. There was no way of knowing.

OVER THE WATER

"WHERE have you been living?" Sir Laurence asked William.

"Salvation Army hostels and such," William replied. "It was the only thing I could do." He switched quickly from the disagreeable subject. "If," he pursued, "you could get me across the water to the Channel Islands, it would be a new life for me."

Sir Laurence sighed. "The case is proved," he said. "Five shillings or one day. See the probation officer before you go. He may be able to help you."

"Thank you, sir," William said, and sighed contentedly and went. In a sense, in that he had been found guilty, he had lost his case. But in another sense, that long sigh said, he was sure enough he had won, his passage back, a lift on the troublesome road to the Isles.

China-Bound

Singapore, Apr. 23.

A record of 875 China-bound passengers from Singapore and Malaya today left aboard the Royal Interocean Lines Tjiwangi, according to a Singapore newspaper report.

Fifty per cent of the passengers were domestic servants, either not returning or visiting families on the China mainland. —Reuter.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

The Professor Unearths Some Queer Figures

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Apr. 17.

A Joint Committee on Public Accounts, headed by a keen business brain of no mean order in Professor Bland, has in the last few weeks been unearthing untold millions from the Federal Treasury's "hollow log."

In one "sinking fund" the Committee unearthed a nest-egg of £464 million — in figures, anyway, although just what it represents and what it is for no one quite seems to know.

Included in this fund is an item headed "Debt Redemption Reserve — £126,421,889", which most people somewhat unreasonable would expect to be used for the redemption of debts.

But a senior official said it had nothing to do with the redemption of debts. That, apparently, is covered by the National Debt Sinking Fund in Trust Fund—Section 1.

There is also the little story coming out of Canberra that Cabinet decided that £200 million should be spent on defence in one year and instructed the Defence Department accordingly.

The Department, however, already had figures from the three services requesting £191 million, so to satisfy Cabinet's demand for £200 million an official stuck another £9 million in the army vote for arms and armament—although the Army itself had never requested it.

A LITTLE TESTY

All this is causing Professor Bland — Professor of Administration at Sydney University before he entered Parliament — to become rather testy.

He and his colleagues are now threatening to make a thorough probe of the £545 million nest egg but the feeling is that he will be called off before he gets that far.

All this makes interesting reading in view of the statement of the Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, that Government spending is broadly irreducible.

There is a feeling that if Professor Bland's committee is allowed to go its way it will unearth the figures of many millions which the Government could have done without.

TIGHTER JOBS

The Government's recent new taxes have already caused noticeable changes in business.

Jobs are tighter and for the first time since the war the number of jobs registered with the Employment Bureau dropped this month.

The increased sales tax on motor vehicles had hit the industry like a wet blanket, according to one distributor. The increased price had cut the waiting time for some popular makes from months to weeks.

Before March 14 when the Government increased sales tax on cars from 16 2/3 per cent, the waiting time for a new Holden was about two years. Now you can drive away in one in a fortnight.

The new sales tax increased the price of a Holden Special from £1,044 to £1,148.

HP DECLINES

If you want a special colour you may have to wait a few weeks longer, but generally speaking any car is now available in a month.

For the first time in two years hire purchase business declined in January and, according to trade circles, has continued to do so.

Balances outstanding in Australian hire purchase agreements at the end of January totalled £205.5 million — a decline of £1.4 million from the total at the end of December.

ALP TROUBLES

A new fight is boiling up in the State ALP and has reached the stage where a new Labour Party in this State is being tipped.

The Labour Premier, Mr Cahill, is keeping well out of this fight, however, and is seeing that, on the surface, at least, his Ministers do the same.

Strangely enough, the Federal Labour Leader, Dr Evatt, is seeking more or less peaceful ways to heal the troubles.

He has taken this stand because he believes that there may be an early Federal election. He bases his belief on the possibility that there will be a crisis in the Senate after the Government loses its majority there after June; the resignation of Mr Menzies as Prime Minister in the near future; the worsening of the economic situation.

Actually, the Government will be at the mercy of an Anti-Communist Labour man in the Senate after June 30; there are growing hints each day that Mr Menzies is drawing near to the end of his reign as Prime Minister and the economic situation is causing concern but it is inconceivable at present that any of these things could send the new Government back to the country so soon.

In NSW the Premier, Mr Cahill, perhaps realises that he was lucky to retain the Treasury Benches and the last thing he wants is to be involved in any trade union warfare.

SPOT OF BOTHER

All is still far from happy on the Olympic front. Latest argument is over the commercial use of the five-ring Olympic symbol.

It has been appearing on all sorts of cheap odds and ends, but the breaking point came when it was printed on the £500,000 first prize Olympic Lottery tickets, issued last week.

Mr Hugh Weir, a member of the Australian Olympic Federation and a senior member of the International Olympic Committee, said he would resign unless the symbol was taken off the tickets.

He said the symbol was sacred to amateur sport and its adoption for business purposes was against all Olympic ideals.

Sports leaders are working hard to retain Mr Weir. They say his resignation could split the Federation.

Members of four building trades unions in Melbourne, working on three Olympic Games projects are threatening to stop work. Reasons for the dispute have not been announced—either by the unions concerned or the Olympic authorities.

BIRD SEED INCOME

Our balance of trade—or lack of it—is helped in this country by the sale of many strange commodities. The eating habits of foreign canaries are sending up our income considerably.

In just four years the value of Australian exports of canary seed has risen from only £31,000 to £580,000.

In the lead are British birds, which last year ate £395,000 worth of canary seed harvested in Australia. American birds tucked into £44,000 worth, while Italian canaries whistled their way through £51,000 worth.

These interesting facts are given in the latest issue of the ANZ Bank Quarterly Summary, which points out that this year exports are likely to be even greater.

Unsettled political conditions in countries which were large suppliers of bird seed have given Australia this large slab of the world seed market. Price is now about £100 a ton. The seed is grown in our wheat country and farmers say it is far more difficult to harvest that wheat but well worth it. Wheat returns them about £12 an acre, but they average £38 an acre for bird seed.

WHIRLWINDS

Into Sydney last week came two polite and popular whirlwinds, Earl and Countess Mountbatten.

The Earl—Britain's First Sea Lord—toured Australian Naval establishment in Sydney harbour by helicopter; he landed in the grounds of Government House by helicopter, he talked to officers and men—and he listened.

The Countess visited centres and hospitals, met leaders of women's organisations — they both worked 16 hours a day and looked as fresh at the end of it as when they started.

If they wanted to know how Sydney reacted to it all, then the crowds that lined the streets waiting for them should have provided the answer.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"There's nothing the matter with me—I just came to see if you can figure out what's wrong with my husband!"

EDEN ASKED TO MOSCOW

London, Apr. 23.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev have invited Sir Anthony Eden to visit the Soviet Union later this year.

Diplomatic sources said this today.

The Russian leaders asked Sir Anthony Eden to pay a return visit because they felt further top-level talks would help to improve international understanding.

Sources declined to say whether Sir Anthony Eden had given a firm reply.

Diplomatic observers believed Sir Anthony would want time to consider the invitation before answering.

It was believed the Soviet leaders would like Sir Anthony Eden and the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, to go to Moscow within the next six months.

This would be after the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers which opens at the end of June.

By that time, M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister, will have visited Moscow as the guest of the Soviet Government.—Reuter.

Stayed Without Permission

Herbert Antone Fernandes Neves, 34-year-old American subject, charged with staying in the Colony without an Immigration Office permit was ordered by Mr F. X. D'Almada to be expelled on the next American President Lines boat.

In the meantime, defendant will be released as soon as his wife pays a $500 immigration bond.

Insp. J. C. Gunstone said that defendant came to the Colony as a plumber on the President Wilson on March 18. He failed to leave with the ship the next day. On March 20, the APL notified the Immigration Office. Defendant gave himself up one month later.

Mr Gunstone said that Neves was now living with his wife and two children in Diamond Hill. He added that the American President Lines was prepared to repatriate him.

A representative from the American Consulate informed the Court that the next APL ship would be leaving the Colony on April 30.

Czech Chief Quits

Prague, Apr. 23.

General Alex Cepicka, Czech First Vice-Premier and Minister of Defence, has asked to be relieved of his duties, informed sources said today.

Cepicka, who is also a member of the Czech Communist Party's Political Bureau, reportedly tendered his resignation after making his self-criticism before the Central Committee of the Party at a meeting in Prague.—France-Presse.

100 Drowned?

Peshawar, Apr. 23.

About 100 people were feared to have been drowned in unprecedented floods from the Helmund River, the Kabul radio, monitored here today stated. —France-Presse.

Year's Prison For A "Parasite"

Remarking that the accused was a parasite on the community, Mr F. X. D'Almada at Central this morning sentenced a 45-year-old unemployed man, Hon Man-to, to one year on three counts of burglary.

All stolen articles recovered were ordered to be returned to the owner, Mr J. P. Anderson, of No. 40, Stubbs Road, on payment of $40, for which three of the articles had been pawned, to three pawnshops.

Insp. M. J. Connelly, prosecuting, said that two detectives saw the defendant at a bus stop near Blue Pool Road with a bag early yesterday morning. Asked how he obtained the bag, he said a pastor had asked him to take it to another pastor in Kowloon.

Not believing him, the two detectives asked defendant to take them to the pastor. At Mr Anderson's house it was found that the bag containing table knives, forks, spoons, scissors, a Holy Bible, a bottle of jam and a loaf of bread, had been stolen.

Further enquiries revealed two other thefts at the same house on March 19 and April 5.

The defendant had one previous conviction in 1952 for larceny by servant.

In mitigation, the defendant said he was sorry for having stolen from Mr Anderson, with whom he had been acquainted.

WOMAN ROBBED

A Chinese woman was accosted on the staircase of No. 102, Lockhart Road, by a Chinese at 2.35 p.m. yesterday. He threatened her with a knife and stole from her $11 and decamped.

FARMER WHO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT

The story of three men attempting to overpower a New Territories farmer and his family with intent to rob them was told when the trial of an earth coolie and two unemployed men opened before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Senior Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

It was stated that due to the courageous action of the farmer who "put up a good fight" and chased his armed assailant out of the house, the plot failed.

On trial are Lui Ming, 33, earth coolie, Pang Tak-fai, alias Pang Chau, 22, and Yeung Chi-keung, alias Yeung Fuk, 31, both unemployed.

They are all charged with conspiracy to steal. First accused was additionally charged with assault, with intent to rob Chan Kam-pui, a farmer, on February 5, 1956, being armed with a scissors blade.

Second and third accused also face a charge of assault with intent to rob Chan Tai, a farmer, on the same date.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Divisional Detective Inpector R.J. Bretherton, is prosecuting. Accused are not represented by Counsel.

Mr Mayne said that the alleged events took place at Au Tau Choi Yuen village, Pat Heung district, which is between Yuen Long and Lokmachau, just beyond Sek Kong.

STRUGGLED

Evidence would show that about 7.30 p.m. on February 5, three men approached a house which, although one part of it was numbered 27 and the other part numbered 28, was in fact one building divided by a wooden partition.

One of the men entered No. 28 occupied by Chan Kam-pui who was at the time lying down on his bed. Mr Mayne said that the intruder called out "Search" and after that told Chan not to make any noise. Chan at first thought it was a police raid but when no identity or indication was given that the man was a police officer, he appreciated that there was something wrong and started to struggle.

Crown Counsel said that in the course of the struggle Chan received certain injuries from which the Jury would have no difficulty in determining that they were caused by a sharp instrument.

"Chan put up a good fight and eventually chased this person out of his house," Mr Mayne said.

BRAVE CITIZEN

Chan also saw some other persons coming out of the house next door, one of whom joined in the struggle, "but after this rather brave citizen had frightened these three men sufficiently by his conduct they took to their heels and fled."

Mr Mayne said that Chan chased after them and eventually caught one whom he would identify as the first accused.

Evidence would be given that whilst the first accused was inside No. 28, the other two men had entered No. 27 which was occupied by Chan's parents and his sister.

Chan's father was also lying down on his bed. When the two men entered they covered his face with a quilt and threatened him. Eventually however due to the disturbance which had occurred in the fight next door the two men ran out of the house.

Mr Mayne said that he would adduce evidence to show that one of these two men was the second accused.

Statements were allegedly made by the accused after their arrest but he would not refer to their contents until the statements had been admitted in evidence, Crown Counsel said.

Hearing is continuing.

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.05, Junior Recitals. Ue Waiman (Mezzo-soprano). Daniel Chan (Harmonica). Maryknoll Convent School Girls Choir. Ian Whyburrow (boy treble). Eleanor Wong, Linda Wong, Victoria Wu & Fung Yuen-hn (Two pianos); 6.30, BBC Bandstand. All Star Concert Brass Band of Great Britain. Conductor: Harry Mortimer (BBCTS); 7, International Half Hour. La Demi-Heure Francaise. Presentation de M. Laverzanne (Studio); 7.30, "First Hearing" presented by Alex Dorrie (Studio); 7.55, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, The Tessie O'Shea Show; 8.45, Songs of a Wayfarer sung by Blanche Thebom (Mezzo-soprano) with Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult; 9, Time Signal. The Music Makers; 9.30, Castaway's Choice. Philippa Coombes is interviewed by John Wallace (Studio); 10, "Concertos under the Stars" Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra; 10.30, Popular Hits by Nat "King" Cole and Les Paul and Mary Ford; 10.50, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Freddy Martin Show; 4, Romances of the World—The story of Desiree, Queen of Sweden; 4.15, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours; 5, Children's Corner — Conducted by Auntie Patricia; 5.30, Progressive Jazz; 6, Band Call—Featuring the Ted Heath and Edmundo Ros Orchestras; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, London Studio Melodies; 7, Personality Parade—Anna Russell; 7.30, Ray Anthony and his Orchestra; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The story of a Mother's Courage; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Interview with Tessie O'Shea, well known stage and television star; 8.30, Passing the Buck—Conducted by Prof. Dimple, with a Panel including Jerry Lewis, Stephanie Tyler, Anna Britton and Paul Du Toit; 9, Show Case—Selections from "Damn Yankees." Selections from the film "Hit the Deck"; 10, World of Jazz; 10.30, Murder at Midnight—Episode 30 — "The Man with the Black Beard"; 11, Date with Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12, midnight, God Save the Queen; Close Down.

Corruption Trial Evidence

An account of how the accused accepted money from a building contractor foreman was related before Judge K. R. Macfee when proceedings against a health inspector employed by the Urban Services Department continued at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The accused, Wong Kai-kong, is charged with corruptly receiving $100 from Mok Wah-sau as a reward or otherwise on account of his forbearing properly to carry out his duties in respect of a building site in Peak Road.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector Li Mut-wah, of the Anti-Corruption Branch, is prosecuting.

Accused is defended by Mr J. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. D. A. Remedios.

Inspector Li Mut-wah, in evidence said that he received a complaint against the accused on December 13, 1955, and the next day he met the complainant, Mok Wah-sau in the vicinity of the Ladies' Recreation Club in May Road. He gave the complainant $100 in $10 banknotes together with certain instructions, and Mok returned to the building site in Peak Road. Witness said he had recorded the numbers of the banknotes in his notebook. Then he, a detective sergeant and plain-clothes constables took up positions in the vicinity of May Road and Peak Road, witness said.

PEAK RD MEETING

At about 10.15 that same morning, witness said he saw the accused coming up Peak Road. Watching through an opening in the embankment beside a lamppost, witness said he saw the accused and the complainant walk along Peak Road. The two stopped and the complainant sat down on the embankment while the accused stood near him. They appeared to be in conversation. Witness said he was about 10 paces from them.

As the accused looked in his direction, witness said, he walked down May Road. He gave certain instructions to Detective Sergeant Chan Keung and proceeded to the car park near the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Later a detective beckoned to him and he went into the Queen's Gardens garages where he saw the accused and Sgt. Chan Keung, witness said. He added that he then approached the two and identified himself to the accused. At the same time he noticed all the pockets of the accused's uniform were buttoned.

Witness continued that while he was taking out his own notebook, the accused unbuttoned the right hand lower jacket pocket of his uniform.

"HE CHASED ME"

Witness said he asked the accused some questions and told him he had reason to believe that accused had corruptly received $100 from the foreman, Mok Wah-sau, in connection with the placing of some debris on the building site.

"I then cautioned him, and the accused said, 'He chased me, snatched my book and did it by force'," Inspector Li said.

The accused was then searched, and witness took a notebook from his jacket pocket. In the book was found the $100 in $10 notes. The witness said he then checked the numbers of the notes against the numbers in his own notebook, and they corresponded.

At this stage, the inspector arrested the accused and took him back to the Anti-Corruption Office.

The next morning, December 15, 1955, Witness said he took possession of the accused's diary and inspection record book with the permission of accused's senior officer. The same day, the accused was formally charged with corruption at the Bay View Police Station. The accused wrote an answer to the charge in English which the witness read to the court, "I deny the above charges."

DID NOT OBSTRUCT

Cross-examined by Mr Wright, Inspector Li said he did not hear the conversation between the accused and the complainant. They walked away separately. He agreed with Mr Wright that the accused did not obstruct when he (witness) took the notebook from accused's pocket.

Sgt. Chan Keung gave corroborative evidence and added that he saw the complainant, Mok Wah-sau put his right hand to the rear pocket of his trouser and draw out some banknotes. Mok then handed the money to the accused who was standing at a slight angle facing towards him, the witness said. This took place in one of the garages of the Queen's Gardens flats, and witness said he was standing in front of a concrete pillar in another garage when the money exchanged hands.

Hearing is continuing.

Had Dutiable Tobacco

Pleading guilty to having imported 800 pounds of dutiable tobacco from Macao, Leung Kun, 36, unemployed, was fined $2,000 or seven months by Mr Hinshing Lo at Central this morning.

The tobacco, valued at $4,000, was ordered to be confiscated. The duty was $2,400, according to the Prosecution.

Revenue Insp. C. G. Kerswill, prosecuting, said a Revenue party boarded the mv Sing Ping when the vessel arrived 8.30 a.m. yesterday. A search revealed the tobacco concealed in seven bundles of Chinese herbs.

The defendant reported to the Revenue Department at about 3.30 p.m. the same day and claimed ownership of the tobacco.

Unwholesome Pork

For possessing 115 pounds of unwholesome pork, Leung Wee-on, 34, was fined $500 by Mr F. X. D'Almada at Central this morning.

The pork was found in the defendant's house, No. 7, Wanchai Road, ground floor, yesterday.

The defendant had four previous convictions for selling food unfit for human consumption.

Defendant pleaded that he intended to boil the pork for lard.

"You only think of your pork and don't think of the public health," remarked Mr D'Almada.

Judge Welcomed Back To Work

Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Senior Puisne Judge, who returned from long leave on Friday took his first case since then in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, who was prosecuting, said he understood he was the first practitioner who had had the honour to appear before his Lordship since his return from leave.

"May I be permitted to welcome your Lordship back and to wish you a very happy time in the Colony during your coming tour of duty," Mr Mayne said.

His Lordship thanked Crown Counsel for his remarks.

TWO INJURED

At 1.10 p.m. yesterday, a motor cycle travelling eastwards swerved to avoid another vehicle near the junction of Hennessy Road and O'Brien Road and collided with two male pedestrians, who were crossing the road.

The pedestrians—Yip Ming-chun, aged 11, of 93 Gloucester Road, 1st floor, and Lau Chiu, aged 34, of 86 Caine Road, ground floor—sustained injuries and were treated at hospital but were not detained.

Street Thefts

Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. yesterday, a pickpocket stole cash and private papers from a Chinese woman who was travelling on board a tramcar between Ice House Street and Western District.

A Chinese pedestrian had his pocket picked of a fountain pen in Graham Street, Central District. A suspect has been detained in connection with this case.

A Chinese stole a gold wristlet watch from a woman in Fa Hui Street near Yuen Po Street. A suspect has been detained by the Police.

A Chinese woman stole cash from another woman on the staircase of No. 5 Yuen Po Street, Mongkok District.

A Chinese had his fountain pen and wallet stolen whilst walking in Homantin Village, Kowloon City District.

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